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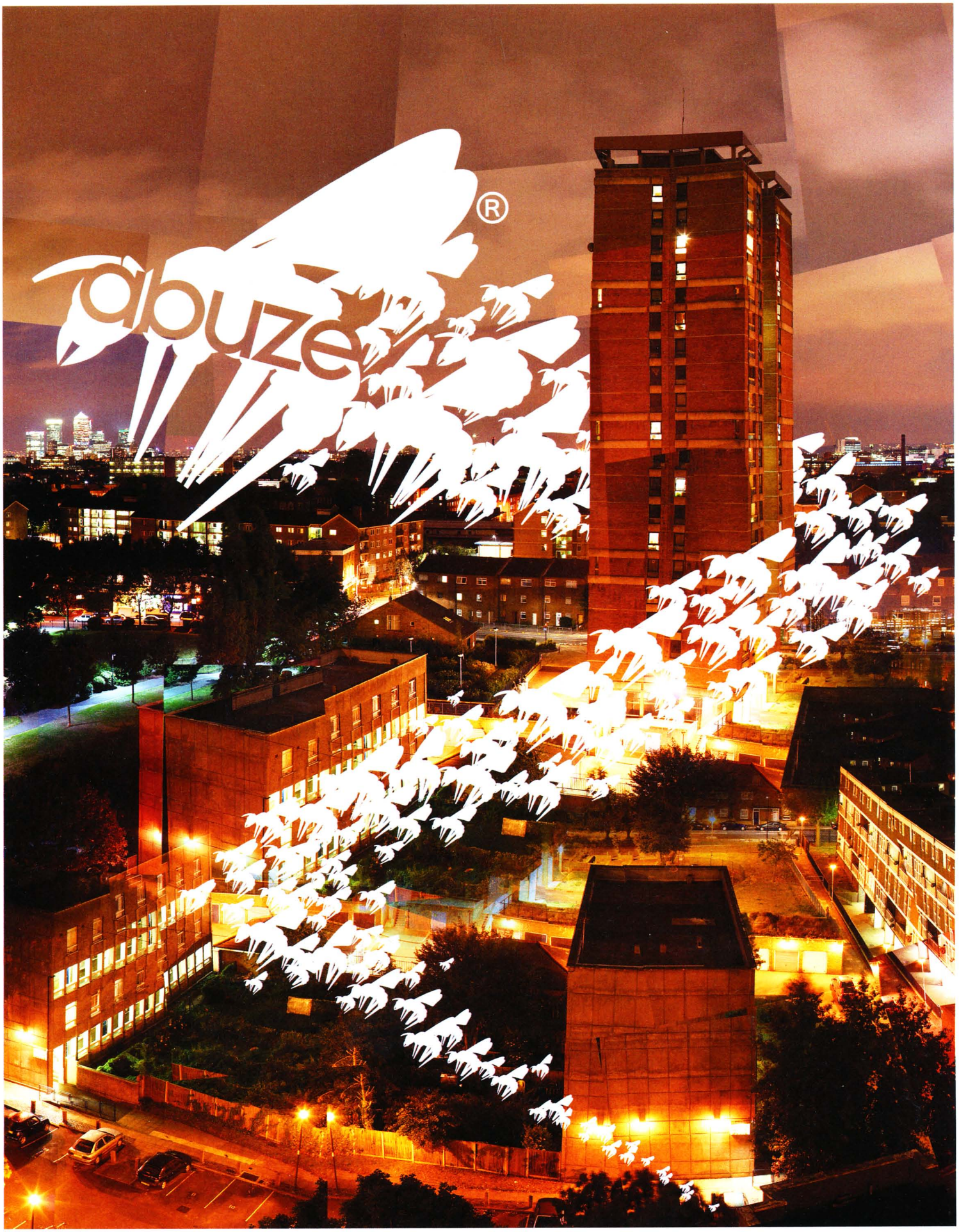

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WE'RE OVER HALF WAY through the summer and what a sun-scorched fucker it's been. Seriously, if you haven't ruptured something or split your trousers then you're not partying hard enough. It's time to forget your worries and let your hair down by the pool. If, like us, you haven't got a pool, then just use the nearest pond or canal. Remember, always dive in head first but NO RUNNING – it's very dangerous.

Actually, it'd be a whole lot safer to sit down with this killer issue of FRONT, featuring the one and only Vikki Blows and a guide to inking your skin. If you feel really inspired, why not get a FRONT-themed full-facial tattoo? We'll even give some free stickers to the first person to do so. The second person - sorry, better luck next time.

Enjoy the issue – we love you all.

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DOWNLOAD SHAMBLES

Our shambolic invasion of Download was a helluva laugh. Some messy states we found ourselves in included face-painting, being sick on fairground rides and passing out in friendly people's arms.

CHRIS INITIATION

Say hello to new writer dude Chris, who, in time-honoured tradition, was initiated to FRONT with a couple of sambucas and a few dizzy laps round the office after a minute-long chair-spinning. Witness his failings...

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We literally couldn't have gotten up to Download without the aceness of *streetcar.co.uk*. Shameless plug ahoy! Streetcar gives you all the ace convenience of having your own car, but without the shitty costs or hassle. They have over 1,000 locations in London, and also locations in nine other UK cities. Hopefully they've not spotted those stains we left on the back seat yet...

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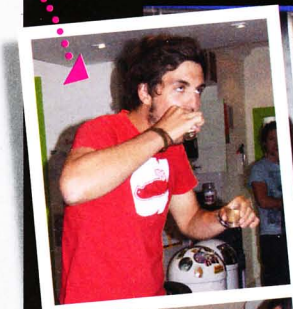
BYE BYE LOVELY HAYLEY

Fashion co-ordinator Hayley's leaving us, which is the saddest news ever. She's been at FRONT for ages, and it is scientifically impossible not to love her. To help us deal with the psychological damage her absence will cause, we all went and got brain-damagingly drunk.



NICEST TATTOO STUDIO EVER

The ruddy lovely team down at Blood Brothers Tattoo Studio let us run wild in their shop with the incredible Vikki Blows. Behold art dude Steve having a big old nonce through a window.

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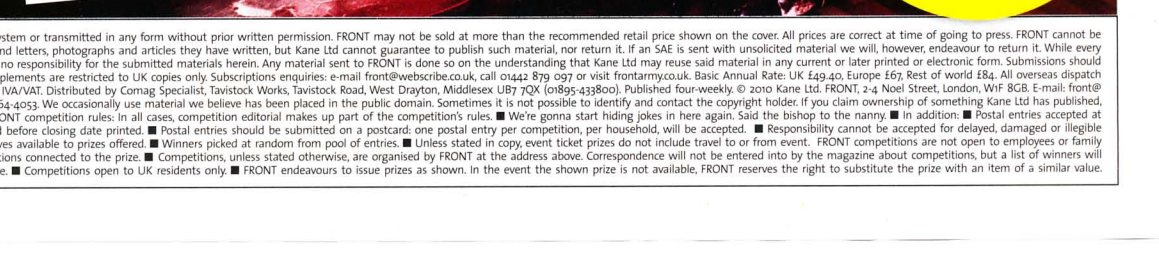

ROCKET FUEL

WHAT GOT US THROUGH ISSUE 145

It's been so long since we were sent any free booze we're starting to forget what it tastes like. Booze companies, pull your fingers out and get in touch. Better yet, skip out the getting in touch bit and send the booze over along with some delicious food snacks.

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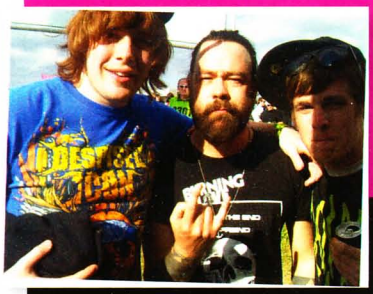

WARNER AND RICH

These two happy chaps won our Download competition over yonder on *frontarmy.com*, and as a result spent the weekend being treated like gold-dicked lords up in Donington. We thought we'd big the buggers up for using their freebie weekend to its fullest and booziest potential, and sending in the sordid pics to prove it. They also went and harassed Radio 1 man Daniel P Carter, in the kind of way we seem to do when we're drunk. Strong work, boyos.

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STAR LETTER

FRONT MAKES SHIT OKAY

The last six months have been pretty shite, what with my band splitting up, flatmates fucking me out of 500 billys blah blah no one gives a crap. FRONT makes that all alright. FRONT makes it okay for me to go out at the weekend, drink enough cider and Jäger to level an army of students, spend all my hard-earnt cash on hi-tops and fitted caps, fill my ears with as much metal and hardcore as humanly possible, dribble over pictures of face-meltingly fit birds (Sim-Wise FTW!) and generally make a complete cunt of myself. FRONT magazine, I salute you.

OWEN, CHURCH OF SLAM

Owen, it sounds like you're having a ballbag of a time, and we're proud of ourselves for maintaining your tit-rocking lifestyle. FRONT will always be with you. We're a bit like chicken pox scars in that way, only at least three times sexier.

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LETTERS WIN PRIZES

The month's finest ramblings will be rewarded with a colossal crate of Magners Pear Cider. How'd you like them apples? Well, pears. Whatever.

WHAT A NICE CABBIE

Last night I jumped into a cab out of The Black Sheep in Croydon and was greeted by a cab driver called Fabian who let me smoke and drink a lot of vodka in his cab. I just wanted to give him a big shout out!

ANDY, SUTTON

We've been to The Black Sheep, Andy, and that's not the only magical thing we experienced. We saw Jesus smelling a bicycle seat and yelling profanities about Home Alone 2. Just kidding. But seriously, that's one drunk-filled fun-hole.

A STAR WARS FAN WRITES...

In your summer issue Armando Iannucci says he wishes there was an explanation as to why the storm trooper banged his head. Allow me to assist. In Episode II after his fight with Obi-Wan Kenobi, Jango Fett runs to his ship and bangs his head on the door. Now, seeing as all clone troopers are clones of Jango Fett and all the clone troopers became storm troopers, it's a defect of the cloning. George Lucas is a clever bloke!

ALEX, HIGH WYCOMBE

Thanks a lot, Alex. If anyone else wants to tell us anything about Star Wars, please e-mail in with the subject header 'I Have Wasted The Precious Gift Of Life'.

TAT-TOO FEW TATTOOS

Dearest FRONT, your cover girls are getting less and less inked. Fuck the wider audience and sort that shit out, seriously. Other than that, shit-hot work, fellas.

SPR HURST, VIA TEXT

Have a butchers at the tat-fest in this issue, Hurst, and have a think about what you just said. We DARE you to say it again.

FRONT AM EDUMACATIONAL

Dear FRONT, I just wanted to say thanks for a top mag and tell you that you're officially educational. I have just graduated with a human biology degree. Instead of revising, I loyally read your magazine and still passed, so thanks for filling my head with complete junk and enabling me to become a scientist/geek. Will this make all the Alt Girls come knocking on my door for my new-found geekyness?

KENNEDY BEDDOWS, OXFORD, VIA TEXT

Human biology you say, Kennedy? So, that's like the body and shit, yeah? Awesome – we've got this pretty weird-looking rash we could do with getting someone to have a gander at...

MAG OLDER THAN TIME

Yo, guys, as we are on issue 145, if my maths is right, you've been going for around 12 years! That seems like a fucking long time! I bet some of your staff aren't even 12 years old. If you've got a copy of the first issue lying around, throw it my way. I wanna see what was good and what was shit when I was 13. Fuck you very much.

LUKE, PRESTON

Cheers for the maths lesson, Luke. We'll send you issue 1 from the past, like at the end of Back To The Future II. Next time there's a big rainstorm, a strange man in a suit will deliver you it under the cover of darkness.

FAQs

YOUR BURNING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

SLEEP SPECIAL!

Q: WHY DO I SOMETIMES TWITCH LIKE A SPECIAL WHEN I'M FALLING ASLEEP?

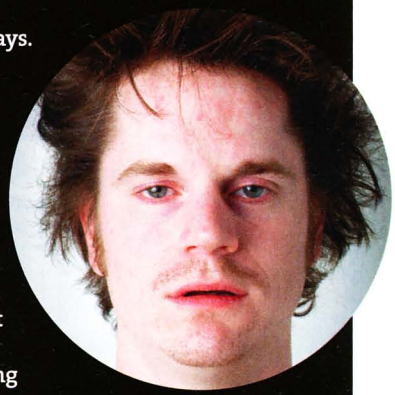
A: **WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE** – you're being embraced by the comforting hand of slumberdom when, all of a sudden, your whole body jerks like an electroshock therapy victim.

Scientists have done the age-old thing of finding a name for it without actually working out why the shit it happens. The twitches are known as hypnogogic jerks, and are thought to either be a normal muscle reaction to the brain switching from awakey to asleepy, or the brain believing the body is falling due to muscles relaxing and thrashing like a mofo to sort it out.

Q: HOW LONG CAN I STAY AWAKE BEFORE DYING?

A: **THE RECORD IS** more impressive than you'd expect: an awe-inspiring 11 days, undertaken in 1965 by an un-drugged 17-year-old named Randy Gardner.

Eleven fucking days. That's insane. He did it through a combination of going for runs, taking cold showers and playing mentally-stimulating games. He makes it sound easy, though – most people can expect to start hallucinating around about the three-day mark, and it's downhill from there, with lasting psychological damage reasonably likely. Sleep well!



ARE THERE QUESTIONS BURNING DIRTY GREAT HOLES IN YOUR BRAIN? WE KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO BE KNOWN, SO GET IN TOUCH, WHY DON'T YOU

READERS' SHIT

YOUR FACE AND ARTY WORKS IN THE MAG

MENTALLICA

To cut a long story short, a few years back I legally changed my name to include 'James Hetfield'. Seriously, I did. I met him in Poland and showed him my passport to prove it. This is a photo of that man, myself and my mate Tom.

ELLIOT JAMES HETFIELD BARR-MACALLAN, VIA E-MAIL

Wow, Elliot, you know what's weird? We just read online that James Hetfield has changed his name to James Elliot Barr-Macallan Is A Stalky Bastard Hetfield. Jokes!

MOTORIZES SEXINESS

Didn't know what to do with all my old FRONT mags so I used them to sexy up my car!

JOSEPH GREENLY

As this is certain to boost the value of your hunk-of-piss motor, we're expecting a massive cheque through the door when you flog it. We had a massive Czech come through our door the other day, but he was only fixing the loo.

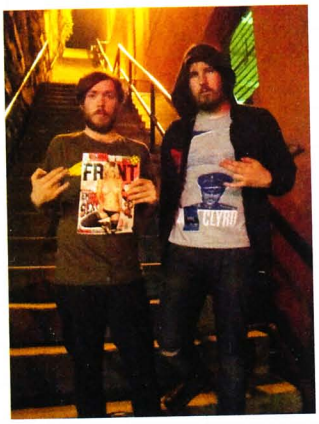
BEAT THIS

WHAT A JESS

I'm sending in a picture I drew of Jess Weekley because she's retiring. Put it in the mag, you bunch of bastards. Love you really.

DALE BUDGEN, VIA E-MAIL

Is this drawing based on a nightmare you once had as a child, Dale? Has it had nasty repercussions in later life, Dale? You need a hug, Dale. A big, sketchy, black-and-white, freaky hug.



STEP SISTERS

We managed to get an older copy of FRONT in the US, and took a picture of a couple of us with it at the steps from The Exorcist in Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

THE TWILIGHT SAD, VIA E-MAIL

Why couldn't you have taken a photo at the top of the steps out of Rocky instead? These steps are shit. Love you!

MAN ARTS VIKKI

Hope you can publish this in your next issue of FRONT :) I love Vikki! <3

JAMES CHURCH, VIA E-MAIL

Of course we can, Mr Church. We've even printed it off and it has pride of place in the FRONT office. Well, we say office. It's more of a flaming bin, really. Big love x

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SEND US...

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- Your sexy art work
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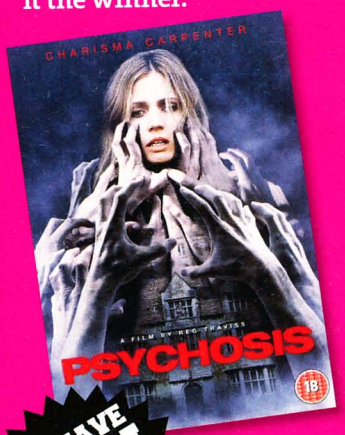
SILLY DAVID
C'mon, David. At least stay alive for your *own* party, you bloody embarrassment. Congrats to Steph for teaching this mug a lesson.

BRUSH WITH DEATH

Here be Sean, who's been given the 'Buckaroo-bastard' treatment by his pals. There's a certain haunting tragedy to it, so we decided to make it the winner.



YOU HAVE WON ALL THIS

YOU'RE WELL CARD, MATE

Mark sent in these shots to highlight the dangers of playing the game 'Snog A Dog' in Shrewsbury. Don't do it, kids, or you'll end up like piss-faced Adam here.

THIS REALLY TUX BALLS

The eagle-eyed amongst you may recognise Kieran Ambrose's artistic work from a video on *frontarmy.com* not long ago. Here's another dose of that blue bastard for you to laugh your knackers off at.

THE MESS-Y DECK

Meet Navy boy Jonny. He was blissfully unaware that "if you fall asleep in the Mess Square, this stuff is gonna happen to you", according to his so-called friend, and bastard, Slade.

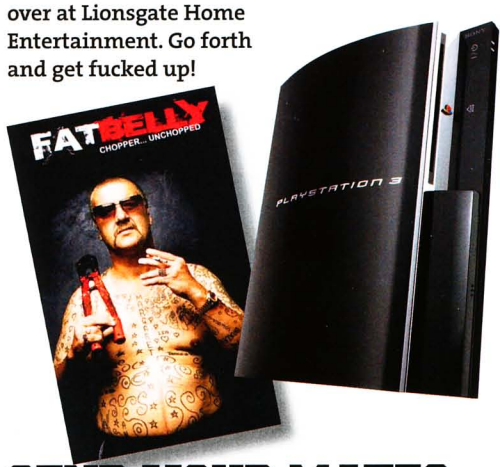
STRANGER DANGER

While watching the epic Rage Against The Machine free gig in Finsbury Park, Stu Wainwright decided to find a paralytic stranger and "abuse him with rave paint, grass and sausage rolls." Best day ever?

NEXT MONTH WIN

PS3 AND FAT BELLY FLICK

IF GETTING PROPER COCK-EYED wasn't fun enough, the best submission next month will win a super-sweet PlayStation 3 and ultra-mental flick Fat Belly, out 9 August, thanks to the proper gents over at Lionsgate Home Entertainment. Go forth and get fucked up!



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The Slipknot man reckons everyone has a certain level of stinkiness they can allow themselves to get to.

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RUSSELL WINTER
Britain's best surfer nearly lost a leg during competition.

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CAR-BQ
Eighty miles with chicken on the engine should cook it through.

PICTURES: ZOE McCONNELL

STAC

SHE'S 22, SHE'S FROM PLYMOUTH, AND SHE'S

TRUE OR FALSE

STACEY BELIEVES IN MIRACLES. WHERE ARE YOU FROM, YOU SEXY THING? STACEY BELIEVES IN MIRACLES SINCE YOU CAME ALONG, YOU SEXY THING.

FALSE: That's the beginning of Hot Chocolate's 1975 hit You Sexy Thing. You stupid motherfucker.

TRUE OR FALSE

STACEY'S HOMETOWN OF PLYMOUTH IS ALSO HOME TO BULLIED DIVER TOM DALEY, LIGHT-ON-HIS-FEET DANCER WAYNE SLEEP AND PLUMP SHOW-OFF DAWN FRENCH.

TRUE: He's a lovely fella, that Wayne Sleep. Can't think why he never married.

HEY

YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

WE READ A THING ONCE, ages ago, that said men were genetically predisposed to fancying blonde girls with large boobs. See, blonde hair fades with age, and breasts sag, so both of them were signifiers of youth, suggesting that the lady who had them would be a good person to breed with.

Therefore, when a bit of dribble appears at the side of your mouth while looking at these pictures of the delicious Stacey, you're just continuing on a beautiful evolutionary path. Yes? Yes.

TRUE OR FALSE

STACEY RECENTLY WENT ON HOLIDAY TO EGYPT WITH ROSIE JONES.

TRUE: She didn't see the Sphinx, though. "We pretty much laid by the pool, got drunk and got naked," she says. You know what? Fuck the Sphinx.

TRUE OR FALSE

ON HER RECENT HOLIDAY, STACEY WAS RECOGNISED BY A FAN WHO'D SEEN HER IN FRONT BEFORE.

TRUE: "He was like, 'Are you Stacey?' and followed us around for three days," she says. Can't blame him.

TRUE OR FALSE

IN 1987, STACEY WAS PARTNERED WITH TROUBLED OFFICER MARTIN RIGGS, AND THE TWO OF THEM HAVE FORMED AN UNLIKELY BUT ANTAGONISTIC RELATIONSHIP, SAVING EACH OTHER'S LIVES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. HER CATCHPHRASE IS, "I'M GETTIN' TOO OLD FOR THIS SHIT."

FALSE: That's Roger Murtaugh, Danny Glover's character from the Lethal Weapon films, you bumbaclart. Stacey wasn't even born when that came out.

TRUE OR FALSE

STACEY ONCE RODE A DOG.

TRUE: "I used to ride my grandad's dog Benji when I was two years old," she says. "I used to think it was a friggin' horse."

TRUE OR FALSE
STACEY'S FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER IS THE MIDDLE HYENA FROM THE LION KING.
FALSE: It's Spongebob Squarepants. "He's cool, he's different and even his name is amazing."

TRUE OR FALSE

STACEY HAS RECENTLY MOVED FROM SUNNY DEVON TO GREY LONDON.

TRUE: Other people who live in London include Lil' Chris, the bloke who played Shane Ritchie's cousin in EastEnders and him who was Dawn's fiance in The Office.

TRUE OR FALSE

THIS PAGE IS A POP-UP. IF IT DIDN'T POP UP, YOUR MAGAZINE IS DEFECTIVE AND YOU WIN A BILLION POUNDS REWARD.

FALSE: It's just a normal page, you silly fuck.

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WE LIKE OUR skill arty illustrators here at FRONT, and no more so than when they knock out incredible occult bad-boys like these. Behold the twisted handiwork of UK artist French – not to be confused with an actual French artist in a beret.

Hailing from Aldershot, a town little known for Gallic charm or croissant factories, the 30-year-old is making a name for himself with his gleefully grotesque sketches, not to mention his own incredible skateboard company, the aptly named Witchcraft.

His devilish scribblings, along with other illustrators Sam Roberts and Paul Parker, feature on a new line of decks. All you need do is sell your soul and you'll soon be doing back-flips with the best. That, or getting your arse poked with a red-hot poker in the flamin' bowels of hell.

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WHO HE?

REAL NAME: Richard Sayer
AGE: 30
FROM: Aldershot
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"I drew the bear for a record label called Modular and they asked me to come up with some kind of aggressive 'beast man' image. A bear warrior seemed to fit the bill for me."

"Sam Roberts made the occult-y symbol for Witchcraft skateboards. He's really into all his supernatural stuff"

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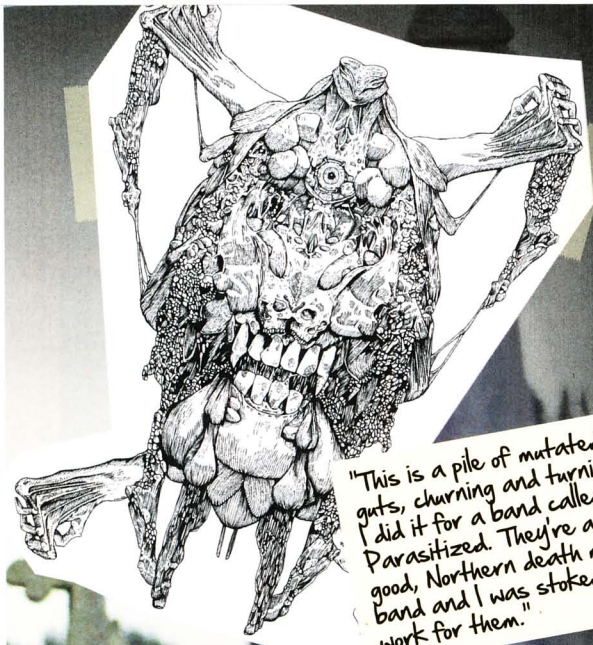
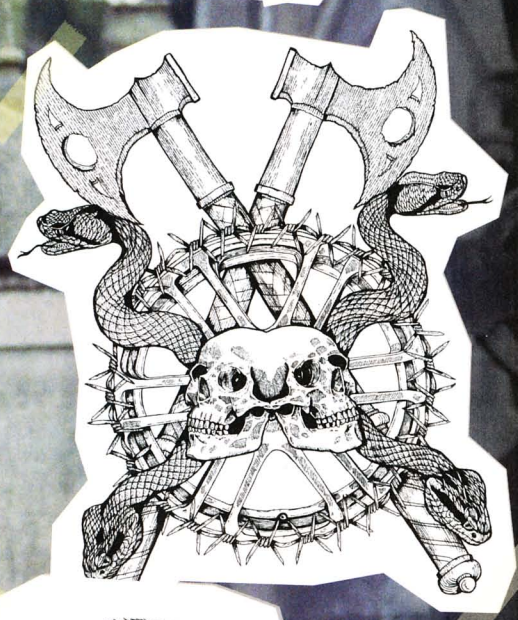
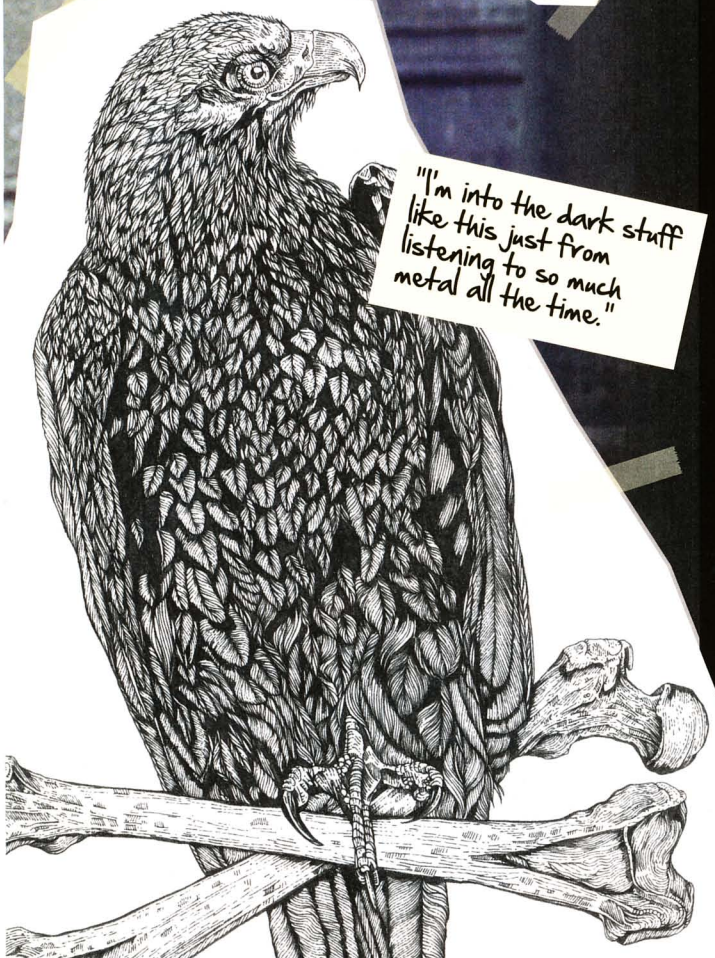
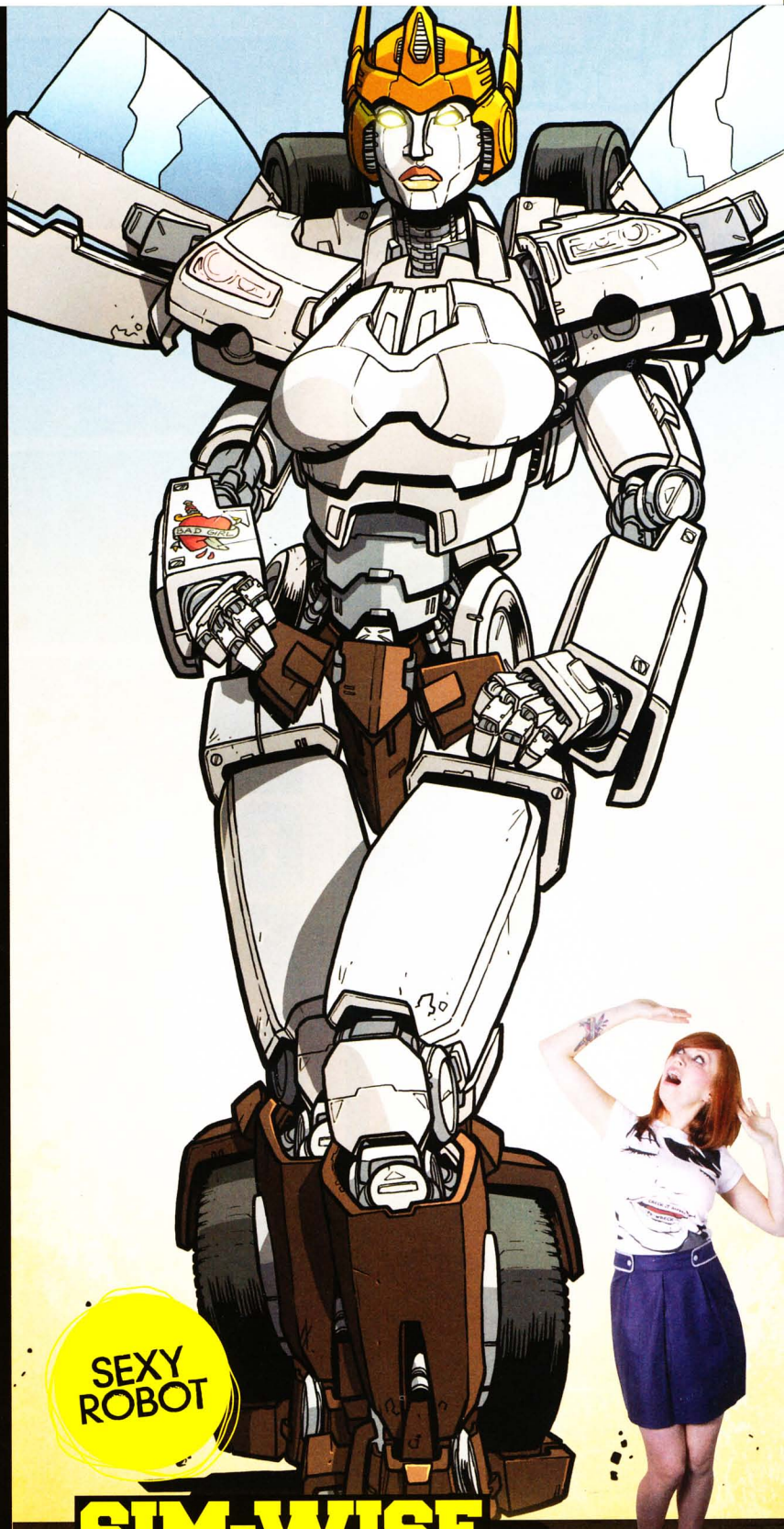


"This is a pile of mutated guts, churning and turning. I did it for a band called Parasitized. They're a super good, Northern death metal band and I was stoked to work for them."





"I'm into the dark stuff like this just from listening to so much metal all the time."



SEXY ROBOT

SIM-WISE BECOMES A TRANSFORMER

IT'S TRUE, PEOPLE. Everyone's favourite naked ginger gamer has become a colossal transforming robot from the planet Cybertron. Sort of.

The techy masters behind the new game Transformers: War For Cybertron got in touch and asked whether anyone would be interested in seeing Alex rendered as a Transformer. 'Yes, that'd be lovely' was the answer.

"I was always planning to become a massive robot," says Alex, "so this is like a dream come true. Only with less nudity and more steel."

MOTIVATE YOURSELF with Andrew W.K.

"THERE SEEMS TO have been some confusion about exactly how to party hard. Some people seem to think partying has to involve large quantities of alcohol or drugs. While partying certainly CAN involve those substances, it by no means HAS to. The beauty of the party is that YOU get to do what is fun for YOU, as long as it doesn't interfere with anyone else's fun.

"If we think of a party as a time when we celebrate all that's good in life, and a time when all our hard work pays off in pure personal pleasure, then a 'party' can really be anything. To someone, the perfect party might be eating eight frozen curries and three bottles of HP sauce. Another person might simply like going out to the pub for a few pints.

"Now that we have a clearer definition of partying, let's discuss an incredibly popular way to party: BASIC DRINKING."

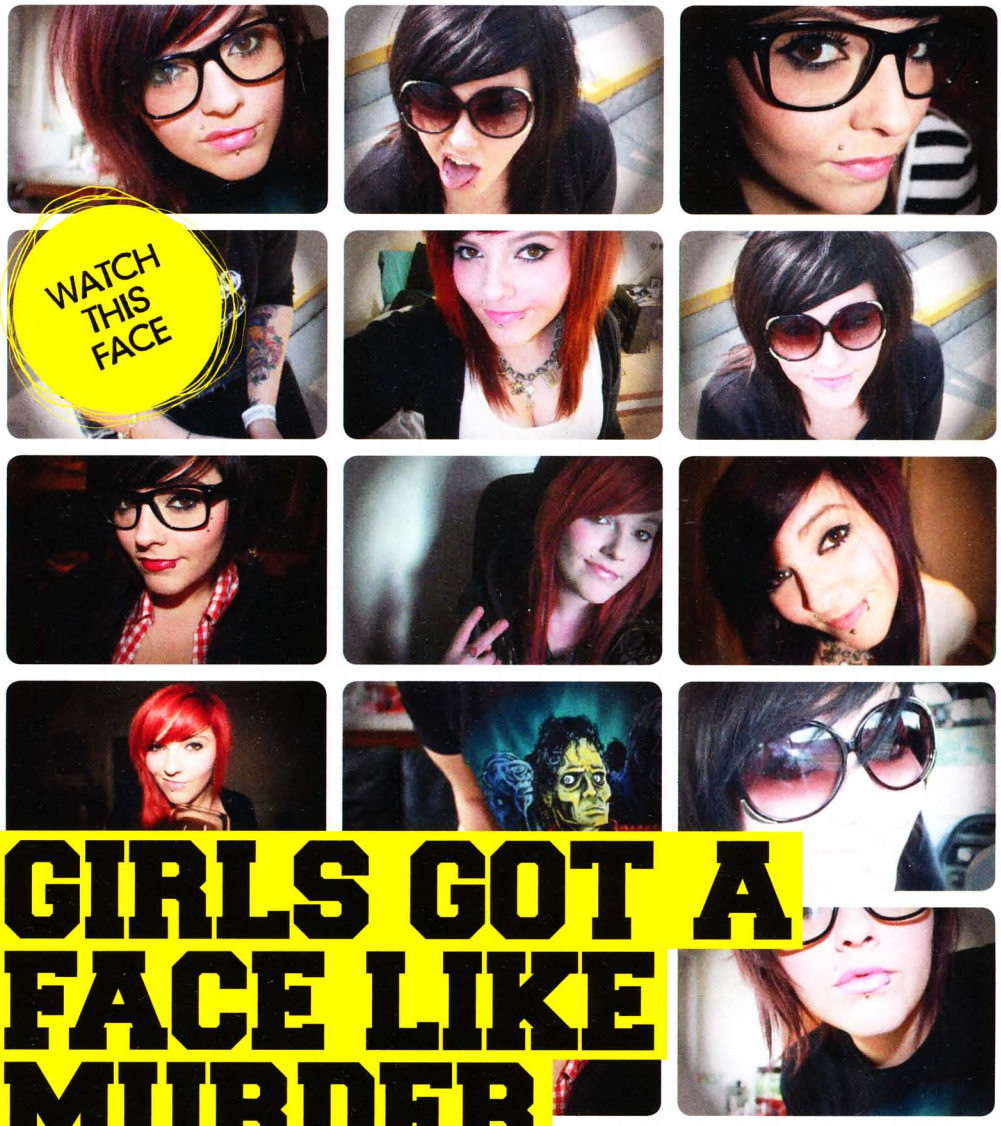
QUICK TIP:

Basic drinking

1 HOT WATER SHOTS "Put some water in a kettle or microwave and get it nice and hot. Then pour out six small shots of hot water and line up the shots next to a bottle of ice-cold vodka. Drink all six shots of hot water as fast as you can and drink as much ice-cold vodka between each shot. The faster, the better."

2 BOTTLE OF WINE "This may seem like a no-brainer, but sometimes the perfect night is started by drinking an entire bottle of wine as quickly as possible. You'll notice that most of the Basic Drinking thrills involve 'speed drinking'. The beauty of speed drinking is that it allows a relatively large quantity of alcohol to be consumed in a relatively short amount of time."

3 EMPTY STOMACH "It's an old myth that you shouldn't drink alcohol on an empty stomach. An empty stomach is better able to absorb all the alcohol's minerals and nutrients. For maximum thrills, combine the hot water shots and a bottle of wine with an empty stomach and get ready for a truly WILD TIME."



GIRLS GOT A FACE LIKE MURDER

MEET THE BLOGGER WHO'S GOT THE WORLD'S KNICKERS IN A TWIST WITH HER MIX OF CATS AND TITS

WHO SHE? Kyleigh-Rose Watson, 22, from East Sussex.
WHAT SHE GONE AND DONE? Created the kick-ass cult Tumblr page, Girls Got A Face Like Murder: a place where people come for the naked girls and stay for the pictures of cats wearing crowns.
WHO LIKEY?: Vikki Blows is a fan, along with over 18,000 other followers.

SO, KYLEIGH-ROSE, WHAT SORT OF FILTH COULD A FIRST-TIMER EXPECT TO FIND ON YOUR TUMBLR?

Cats, boobies, tattoos, pugs, nakedness... All of the best things in life! I chuck in the odd bit about me and my life, but I'm pretty sure people just come to look at the filth I post.

IT PRETTY MUCH LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH INKED-UP NAKED LADIES. CARE TO EXPLAIN?

I love how tattoos look on girls. If I could be covered from neck to toe, I would. The chicks that I post are people I'd love to be like. I might need a boob-job and a gym membership first, though. But hell, I love boobies and tattoos.

YOU'RE NOT ON YOUR OWN THERE, CLEARLY.

Yep, I've 18,791 Followers right this second. It scares me a little that so many people know about me. I've had a few nice comments from Vikki Blows – she Facebooked me to say she loved it.

ANY MENTALIST STALKERS?

I get a lot of weirdos, but they make my day that little more interesting. Some people send me photos of their cock, some ask me about my feet...

WHAT NEXT FOR YOU AND YOUR BLOG?

I'm noticing a lot of blogs are looking similar to mine. I'm not saying I created the first boobs, tattoo and cat blog, before anyone thinks I'm a knob. But I'm going to try and push it forward. The internet is crammed full of amazing photos – you've just gotta do a whole lot of searching to find something new.

FYI
- The most common question Kyleigh gets asked on her Formspring is if she's a massive lesbian.
- Kyleigh "prefers dudes".
- Kyleigh says the next person to ask if she's a lesbian will "get a poke in the fucking eye."

Check out Kyleigh's page at girlsgotafacelikemurder.tumblr.com *and look out for her new blog spot on* frontarmy.com

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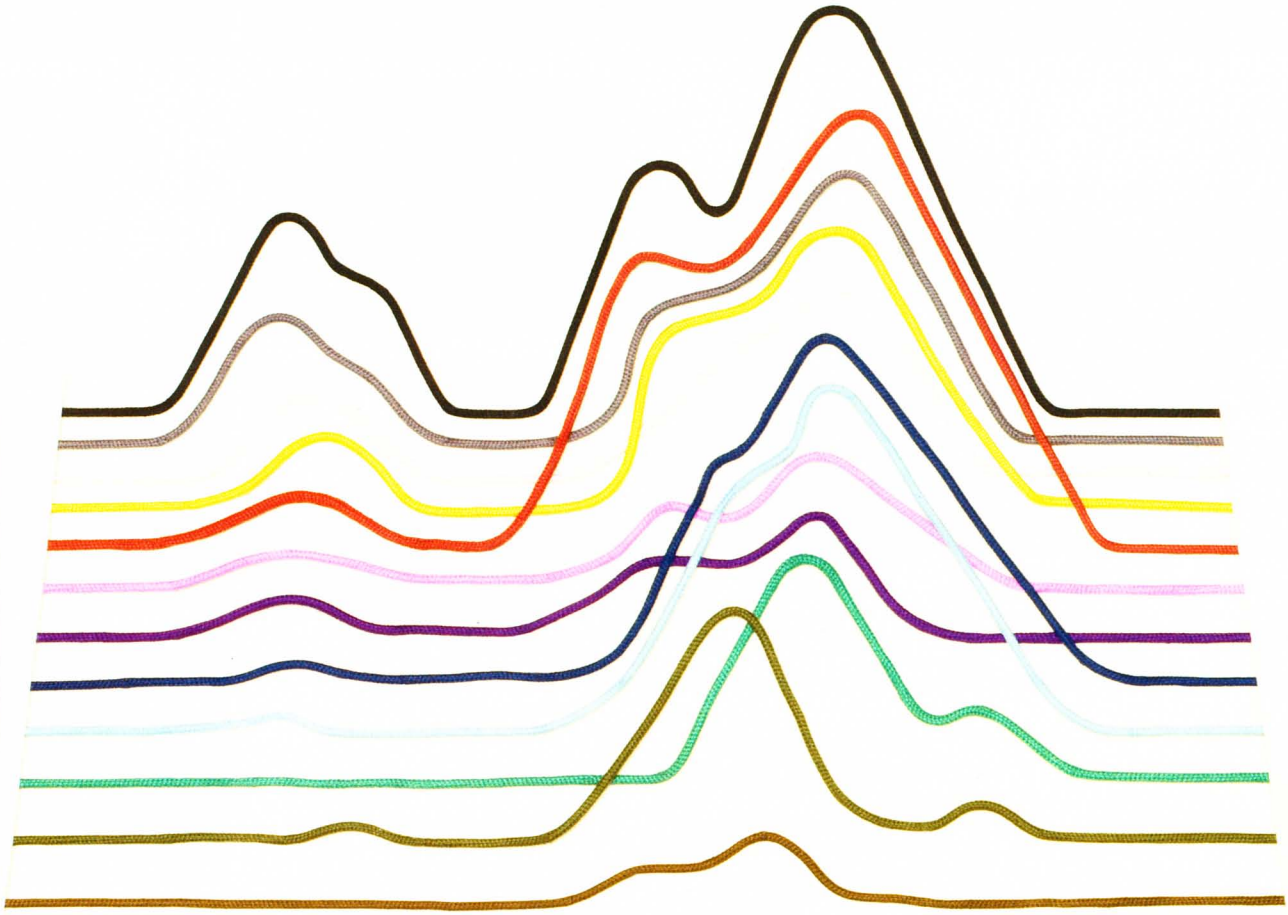

Photo: Vincent Skoglund

FRONT AT DOWNLOAD

OUT & ABOUT

DOWNLOAD

WHAT? The UK's biggest and bestest rock fest.

WHERE? Castle Donington (but not in the *actual* castle)

WHO DERE? Sweaty rock behemoths and cool girlies.

BEST BIT: Young Guns' Gus being spectacularly boozed-up.

WORST BIT: Sunday showers. Can you come pick us up please, mum?

THE LOOK: Jean shorts; sunburn.

DRINK OF CHOICE: Piss-consistency lager; lovely cider.

DRUNKEN LUNACY RATING: 9 moshing bollocks out of 10

IT WAS THE THIRTIETH anniversary of rock at Donington this year, giving us all even more of an excuse to destroy the normally tranquil fields of Leicestershire with ball-kicking metal and hard partying. Imagine the opening scene of Saving Private Ryan was sponsored by Gaymers cider with Megadeth playing there and you'll get a good idea what it's like.

Here's what our weekend taught us that you can apply to everyday life:

ALWAYS ACCEPT GIFTS FROM STRANGERS

Like when you're boozily sauntering around the campsite at 3am and someone dressed as a wizard offers you a petrol can full of gin.

TRUST MEN WITH BEARDS

We met 19 men with beards at Download. Most of them were called Peter, and all of them were super nice, actually. Mum's not always right, clearly.

WEEING IN PUBLIC IS FINE

Why would they have put that fence there if you weren't supposed to elaborately empty yourself over it? We assume the same applies to that fence outside St Hilda's primary school, yeah?

EAT ALL YOUR FOOD IN MINCED PATTY FORM

Fuck working your arse off with cutlery: invest in a mincer and enjoy all your meals festival styley. Bonus points if you need a big sleep afterwards and miss your favourite band.

PICTURES: ALEX DE MORA

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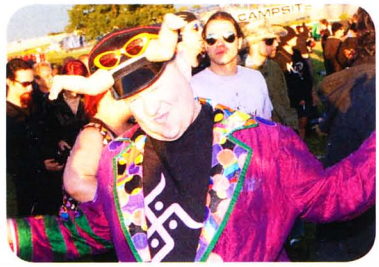

WHICH DEAD ROCK STAR AM I?

IT'S A SCARY TIME FOR ROCK STARS, BUT WHICH DECEASED ROCK LEGEND ARE YOU? FIND OUT WITH THIS UTTERLY FOOLPROOF GUIDE

WERE YOU OLD (FOR A ROCK STAR)?

YES → **DID YOU HIT 70?**

- NO → RONNIE JAMES DIO
- YES → JOHNNY CASH

NO → **DID YOU HAVE AIDS?**

YES → **BAD AIDS?**

- NO → EASY E
- YES → FREDDIE MERCURY

NO → **WAS IT A PLANE CRASH?**

YES → **WERE YOU A REALLY PRETTY GIRL?**

- NO → LYNYRD SKYNYRD
- YES → AALIYAH

NO → **WAS IT A ROAD ACCIDENT?**

YES → **WAS VINCE NEIL DRIVING?**

- NO → CLIFF BURTON
- YES → RAZZLE FROM HANOI ROCKS

NO → **DID YOU COMMIT SUICIDE?**

YES → **WITH A GUN?**

- NO → ELLIOTT SMITH
- YES → KURT COBAIN

NO → **DID YOU TAKE LOADS OF DRUGS?**

YES → **WERE YOU ALSO A MURDERER?**

- NO → LAYNE STALEY FROM ALICE IN CHAINS
- YES → SID VICIOUS

NO → **WAS YOUR DEATH SHROUDED IN MYSTERY?**

YES → **DID THE MYSTERY INVOLVE WANKING?**

- NO → RICHEY EDWARDS
- YES → MICHAEL HUTCHENCE

NO → **WERE YOU MURDERED?**

YES → **WAS IT ONSTAGE?**

- NO → TUPAC SHAKUR
- YES → DIMEBAG FROM PANTERA

NO → **THEN WE DON'T KNOW, SORRY. RINGO STARR OR SOMETHING? MAYBE THAT BLOKE OFF COUNTDOWN? NO, SHIT, HE'S ALIVE, HE WAS ON IT LAST WEEK. UM... IS THAT BLOKE FROM BUSTED STILL ALIVE?**

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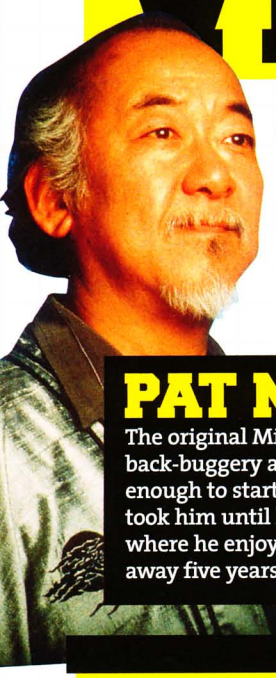


JACKIE CHAN GIVES MR MIYAGI A 2010 REBOOT IN THE NEW KARATE KID MOVIE THIS MONTH, BUT HOW DOES HE STAND UP AGAINST THE ORIGINAL KARATE DON, PAT MORITA?

PAT MORITA

The original Miyagi, Noriyuki Morita overcame back-buggery as a kiddy, eventually recovering enough to start walking when he was 11. It took him until he was 35 to get into Hollywood, where he enjoyed a mixed bag before passing away five years ago.

VS

JACKIE CHAN

The martial arts movie-man has been kicking fuckheads and chopping cock-knockers since he was a nipper in the early '60s. He lines up alongside the Fresh Prince Will Smith's lil lad in this month's Karate Kid reboot, which isn't as shonky as it probably should be.

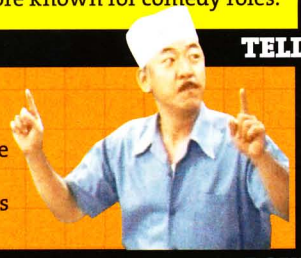
KARATE MAN

MR MIYAGI
The gentle handyman who teaches the punchbag Daniel karate. Morita was nominated for an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor, but was initially refused the part, as producers were worried he was more known for comedy roles.

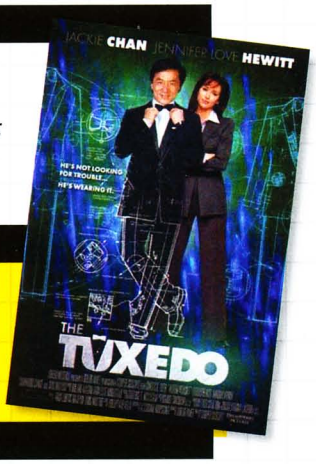
MR HAN
The kindly maintenance man who trains up the bullied Dre in kung fu. Chan says the stern-faced role of Han is a nice little break from his usual slapstick Hollywood image, and that he wants to be "the Asian Robert De Niro", whatever he means by that.

TELLY GOODNESS

HAPPY DAYS
MASH might have been Morita's first decent gig, but it was opposite the Fonz in Happy Days that Morita's face burnt into the retinas of telly-watchers.



THE DISCIPLE
The Apprentice with explosions and stunts and other amazingness as Jackie searches for a young whippersnapper to take up his arse-kicking reins.



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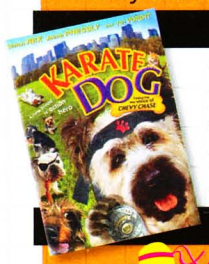
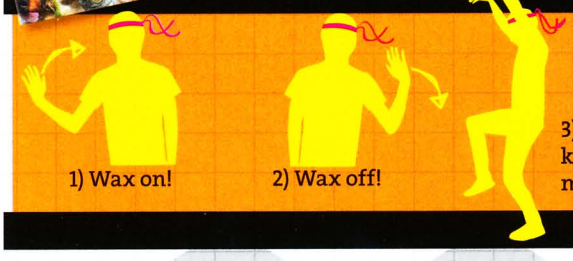
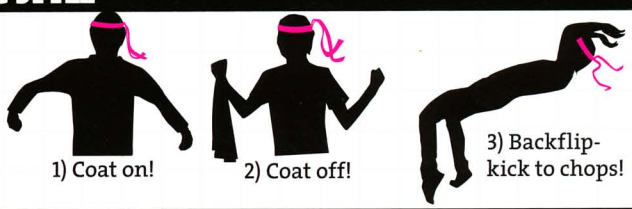


THE KARATE DOG
Pat stars as the soon-killed-off owner of the title dog, Cho-Cho, who goes on to team up with a policeman and solve the mystery of Morita's murder.

THE TUXEDO
Jackie stars alongside the lovely-of-face Jennifer Love Hewitt as a taxi driver who gains special spy powers and gadgets when he puts on a fucking tuxedo.

TEACHING STYLE





THE NUMBERS

76
NUMBER OF FILMS PAT CROPPED UP IN

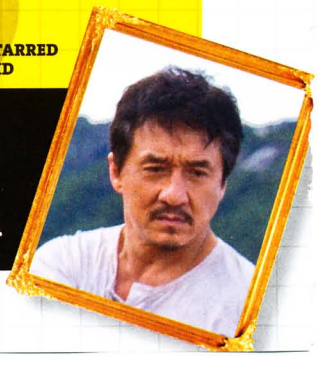
52
AGE AT WHICH MORITA STARRED IN THE KARATE KID

106
NUMBER OF FILMS JACKIE'S CROPPED UP IN

55
AGE AT WHICH CHAN STARRED IN THE KARATE KID

WINNER JACKIE CHAN

Other than his Karate Kid greatness, Pat – er, how do we put this – didn't really do a lot of amazing stuff. You can't help but love him for Miyagi, but compared to Jackie – well, it's a bit of a one-sided fight. The crane kick's still *waaay* better than any backflip nonsense, mind.



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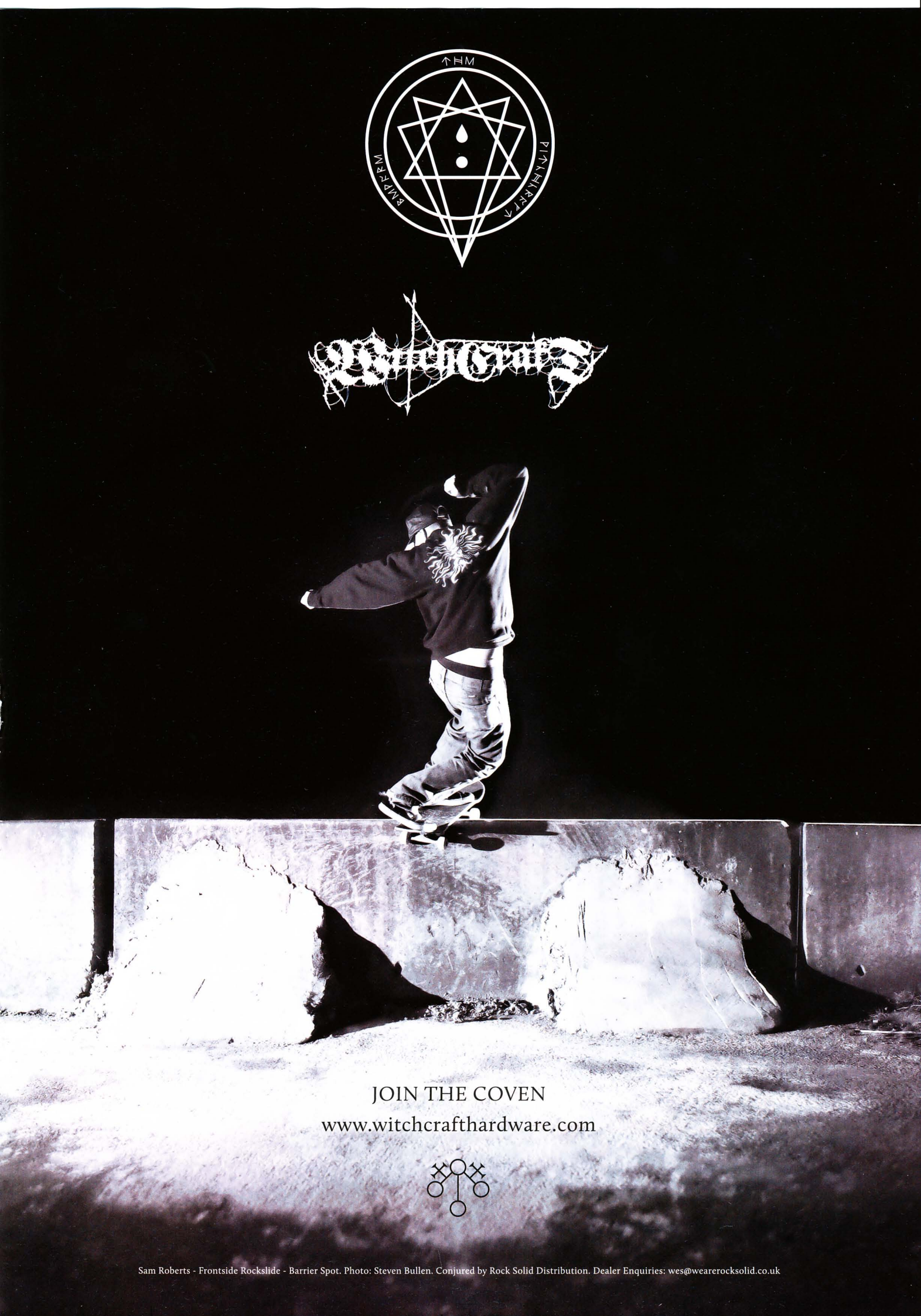
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WORKIE CHALLENGE

WE FORCE YOUNG HOPEFULS TO COMPLETE EVIL TASKS. THIS MONTH....

BE THE OFFICE HOUND

Poochie Paul goes about giving his fur a summer trim...

Before tucking into his nutritious bowl of what looks like sick

THE WORKIE: Paul Venn, 20, from Dorset.
TEA-MAKING SKILLS: Exceptional. Exceptionally shit! Nah, they were quite good, to be fair.
WEAKEST MOMENT: Paul tried to kill us one day by bringing in 11 bags of doughnuts for our tiny team. We love delicious treats, but we're no fan of sugar-induced cardiac arrest.
IPOD CHALLENGE: Ruddy-bloody-good, if not always the most cheery.
THE CHALLENGE: As much as we'd love one, we're pretty sure that we're not allowed to keep a pet dog in the office. With that in mind, we asked workie Paul to be our four-legged friend for two weeks, and give us the loveable companion we've wanted since we were yay high.

It was a strong-ish start with Paul putting together a suitably cuddly fur costume (despite him sort of looking like the mascot of a foreign narcotics company), but the beast was just no fun to play with, despite us taking him for an afternoon in the park.

On the plus side, he did eat food from a bowl (which was, admittedly, incredibly weird to watch), and didn't do a wee or poo on the carpet. At least not whilst in costume, anyway...

VERDICT: FAIL

WE WANTED A NEW BEST FRIEND, WE GOT A LUMINOUS PRAT WITH NO KENNEL. NO JOB FOR YOU, HOMELESS POOCH!

Note to self: dogs die in hot furry costumes

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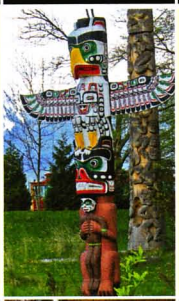
TASTE TEST: FOREIGN MUCK

WACKY POLISH BEERS ARE ALWAYS ON SIX FOR A FIVER AT THE OFF-LICENCE, BUT WHICH ONE IS BEST?

ILLUSTRATION: MATT SKIFF

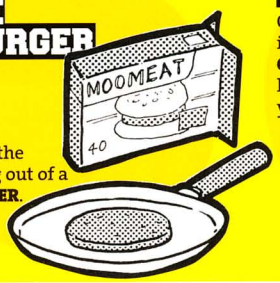
	CLASSINESS	POLE TO DRINK IT NEAR	FACT	TASTING / RATING
TATRA MOCNE *500ML, 7% ABV, 3.5 UNITS*	There's an awesome 1970s earthy feel, plus gold coins and a drawing of a dude dressed like a peasant Han Solo. Amazing		The writing round the edge translates to 'Strength of character' and 'Longer brewed'. 'Warzone' means 'brewed', which is fun	"It's darker and smoother than you'd expect, and tastes more expensive than it is. I'd nick this" **RATING:** The strongest and flavouriest, although least lager-like, this was the best value and kicked arse
LECH *500ML, 5.2% ABV, 2.6 UNITS*	The green can could be mistaken for Heineken at a distance, and the logo of two goats butting each other is pretty rad		Lech is also a reasonably common Polish first name, making this the equivalent of us having a lager called Gary	"It tastes sweet and pretty cheap, but not necessarily in a bad way. It tastes like the second-cheapest beer on Earth" **RATING:** Not very good while also not very bad
TYSKIE *500ML, 5.6% ABV, 2.8 UNITS*	The can boasts of the beer winning several brewing awards, which almost makes up for the Microsoft WordArt logo		The Tyskie brewery was founded in Tychy in 1629, the same year that Parliament was dissolved in Britain	"It's got a flavour that makes me think of old pants. Could be worse, you know?" **RATING:** The most could-be-worse beer ever
ŻYWIEC *500ML, 5.6% ABV, 2.8 UNITS*	The Polish Morris dancers on the can are a whole lot of fun, but it all feels a bit cheap		The dot above the Z apparently represents a "voiced retroflexed fricative", whatever the fuck that means	"There's fuck-all to this. It doesn't really taste of anything and is really watery, and then you're just left with a skanky aftertaste" **RATING:** Unremarkable and disappointing

FRONT GRUB

NO. 20: THE HAM AND CHEESE TOASTIE AND CHEESE HAMBURGER

1 Make two **HAM AND CHEESE** toasties in a toastie machine. Don't have one? Steal one.

2 Fry or grill the living dung out of a **BEEFBURGER.**



3 Cover the **BURGER** in yet more **CHEESE.** Don't have any? Make your own.

4 Construct into a glorious **MIXED-MEAT SANDWICH,** and phone your doctor urgently.

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DRINKS PROMO GIRLS

TOP TIP: If in total, *total* doubt, dress a chunky mate of yours in a miniskirt and have him water-pistol booze into people's mouths. What's the actual worst thing that could possibly happen? Ah yes, being punched to death.

FOAM PARTY IN YOUR SHED

WHAT YOU NEED: Sprinklers, a fuck-load of Matey bubble bath, strobe lights.
TOP TIP: A semi-broken fluorescent light makes an amazing almost-strobe.
WHAT GUESTS'LL SAY: "Apart from the loss of eyesight, best night ever!"

HOME-MADE BEACH

WHAT YOU NEED: Builders' sand, shells, bits of broken glass.
TOP TIPS: Shells can often be found on top of posh people's toilets, for some reason.
WHAT GUESTS'LL SAY: "It's so realistic I think I got crabs from it."

FULL FRONTAL

ILLUSTRATION: WARDELLBROWN.COM

FULL FRONTAL

FRONT AT DOWNLOAD

METAL T-SHIRTS

A CELEBRATION

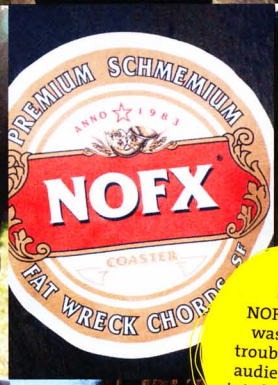
IS THERE ANYTHING MORE awesome than a fuckin' metal fuckin' T-shirt? Yes, naked ladies. But other than naked ladies, time machines, dinosaurs, unicorns, laser guns, cavemen, cyber-bears, robo-ducks, disco-sharks and turbo-gays, metal T-shirts are the awesomest things ever.

What makes them so awesome, then? Firstly, they make people easily identifiable as metal fans, and as everyone knows, metal fans are the nicest people in the world. Secondly, the brunt of 'em are black so don't show sweat, dirt or beans too badly. And thirdly, but not lastly, girls look ace in them.

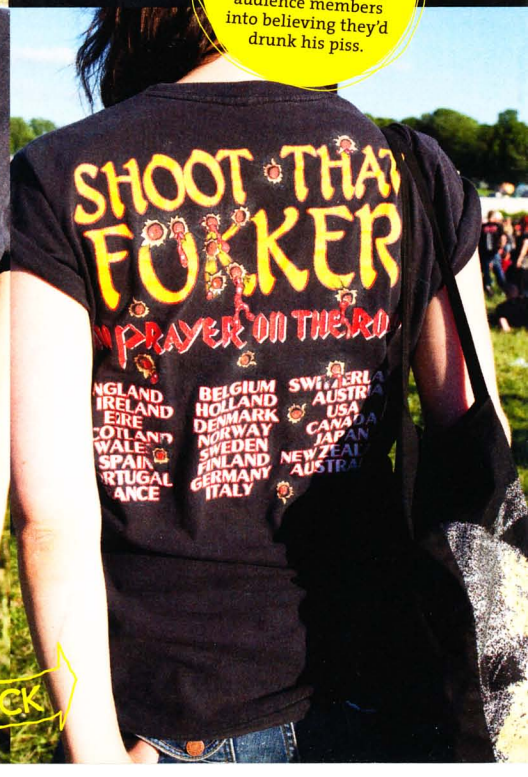
During our recent holiday weekend at popular rock-themed get-together Download, we sent photographer Alex De Mora out to capture as many examples of brilliant metal shirts as he could. When he wasn't wandering around drunk as hell, he did so. Behold, his findings...

PICTURES: ALEX DE MORA

FACT
The Misfits' skull logo first showed up on a single sleeve in 1979.



FACT
NOFX's Fat Mike was recently in trouble for tricking audience members into believing they'd drunk his piss.



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FACT
AC/DC, Whitesnake and Metallica are the only bands to play Monsters Of Rock three times.
Motörhead
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AIRBOURNE
MEGADETH
RUST IN PEACE
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
CANCER BATS
CRADLE OF FILTH
Black Goddess Ri.
BACK
FACT
Cradle Of Filth's 'Jesus Is A Cunt' T-shirt is banned in New Zealand.
JESUS IS A CUNT
BUDGIE
Rocking Reading-'82
BACK

EAR CANDY

HOLY STATE

FAKE COCKS, IRATE BIKERS AND POST-HARDCORE: BEHOLD A BAND THAT KNOW HOW TO LIVE

WHAT COULD MORE gigs benefit from? The answer, clearly, is 'a middle-aged naked lady with a prosthetic cock wanking onto audience members as the warm-up act'.

Thank God, then, for Leeds-based post-hardcore noisters Holy State, who recently found themselves with that exact act opening for them at a European festival.

"Our main support was a middle-aged stripper," says drummer Max. "She had a long beige coat, which is like the ultimate flasher's mac," says front man Robert. "She took everything off, too. Also, she had a fake penis that she wanked off that came all over a guy she was giving a lapdance to."

Amazing. Less sexually-confusing occasions have still managed to go a bit apeshit, with one festival nearly ending in bloodshed when they took to the stage and wound up the whole crowd after introducing all their songs (as a joke, mind) as classic rock covers. "Then we realised that we were playing a biker festival and had just lied to them," says Max. "They didn't like that. We got out of there without being assaulted, though."

MILFage, DIY ethics, biker-confusing antics and the kind of rasping sounds that are clearly gonna make 'em huge – it's good times for Holy State. It's probably better times than for the dude covered in fake lady-cock jizz, anyway.

"SHE TOOK IT ALL OFF AND HAD A BIG FAKE PENIS"
ROBERT (VOCALS)

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ROBERT (Vocals)

HELLO, ROBERT. KINDLY TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEW EP.

Like our first release, it's self-titled. We see one as a very rough demo that went further than we expected and the other as a more cohesive, finished piece of work. I think the new EP should be the main thing people come to. The demo will officially be unavailable, but there will be ways people can get it.

LIKE STEALING? GOT IT. YOU'VE DONE SLIGHTLY MAD STUFF LIKE TIE-DYE MERCH IN THE PAST...

Oh yeah – we all come from creative backgrounds, so the look of things and how we present them is almost as important as our sound. Those tie-dye T-shirts were a bit fruity and a bit silly, but we wanted to make something different.

GOT ANY MORE WEIRD IDEAS?

We like the idea of things changing. We don't want to be known for one single design. For the new EP, the artwork is going to be a photography-based thing, whereas the artwork for the demo was all based around illustration and screen printing. Maybe next time we'll do more of a graphic design or digital-based thing. We always want to experiment.

GOOD STUFF. SO HOW HAVE YOUR CREATIVE JUICES BEEN FLOWING OF LATE?

I don't want the new material to be mistaken as a more mature sound or that we regret anything we've done previously, because we're not trying to move away from anything. We're just trying to evolve what's already there. By the time we do our next record there'll be even more elements to our music.

WHERE AM THEM?

VISORVILLE

IT'S A SEA OF SUN PROTECTION, BUT CAN YOU SPOT THE BASEBALL CAP ENTHUSIASTS?

THIS TIME OF YEAR, it's all sun protection this, shades that, high SPF suncream the other. Protecting yourself from the fiery ball of the sun (which, just like a pregnant shark, brings both life and death) can be a real pain in the dick, frankly.

These enterprising Koreans, seen here at the public funeral of a former president who committed suicide while embroiled in a corruption case (let's gloss over that, though) have no sun worries, thanks to the awesomeness of the visor.

Man, visors are amazing. They've got all the excitement of wearing a full hat, but if you have a particularly high hairstyle like one of the Jedwards or a young Vanilla Ice, you won't lose definition.

Amazing stuff, but we've sneakily hidden two fans of baseball caps in the mix. Award-winning film legend Spike Lee and dick-headed film-ruiner Ashton Kutcher are somewhere in that yellow-peaked ocean, and if you spot them you win a brain transplant. To redeem it, simply approach the person whose brain you want, show them the mag, remove their brain, remove your own, and place theirs inside your skull cavity. That said, we asked a doctor, and he said it wasn't medically ad-visor-ble. Ho ho!

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FIND THESE HAT-WEARERS

PICTURE: GETTY

FULL FRONTAL

FYI

- Fall Out Boy's Andy Hurley was stood about 20 feet away from us when we were talking to Corey. We were going to ask him if Pete Wentz was a bellend in real life, but we forgot.
- Jared Leto from 30 Seconds To Mars was there as well, sporting a ridiculous haircut.
- Corey will be playing a solo set at Sonisphere on Saturday 31 July.

BIG INTERVIEW

"I SMELL LIKE A BUM'S NUTSACK"

COREY TAYLOR

SLIPKNOT/STONE SOUR

ONE OF METAL'S GREATEST FRONT MEN DE-MASKS FOR A CHAT. ERM, WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO ASK HIM ABOUT SLIPKNOT OR DECEASED BASSIST PAUL GRAY. NONETHELESS, A GREAT TIME WAS HAD

COREY! HOW THE SHIT ARE YOU?

Tired, too tired. We drove for 24 hours from Austria to be here yesterday, man, to see Rage Against The Machine, and they were amazing. We've been living on a bus for four days, though, and it's starting to get a little oily.

IF IT'S A LOT OF DUDES ON A BUS, THAT'LL GET SMELLY.

I feel sorry for my wife – she's travelling with us and has to be exposed to all these dudes who are stinking and disgusting. You have a certain amount of stink you allow yourself before you have to go, 'I smell like a bum's nutsack, I gotta wash.'

YOU'RE TWO HOURS AWAY FROM BEING ONSTAGE IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. HOW ARE YOU NOT SHITTING YOURSELF LIKE WE WOULD BE?

There are certain shows I still get the butterflies before, and Download's one of them. Last year we came here with Slipknot, and I'd waited my whole life to headline that stage. Donington's hallowed ground. It was one of the best moments of my life, but as I was walking up the stairs I was like, 'Holy shit, what the fuck am I doing? Are you fucking kidding me?' but we went out and killed it.

IS IT WAY DIFFERENT PLAYING IN FRONT OF A GIANT FESTIVAL CROWD RATHER THAN IN A PACKED-IN VENUE?

It's awesome, in the truest sense of the world, in that it inspires awe. You walk out and see all these people, and don't know what you're going to get. You're just, 'Holy God, let's do this!' Anytime we get up there and there are people ready to see us, crammed in and ready to have a good time, I'll never take that for granted. I still get to do this after 11 years, so I try to take advantage of every moment, enjoy it all and do what I can to make sure the audience gets everything they ask for.

D'YOU FIGURE YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THE ROCK STAR THING NOWADAYS?

I've spent the last 15 years of my life working at this – well, longer than that, but I don't want to age myself. I played my first real show when I was 17, and I've done everything I can to perfect what I do. Hopefully people enjoy it. The people who don't take the time, and don't respect it, are disposable. ▶

Corey and Stone Sour in 2003. Guitarist Jim Root is Slipknot's #4, fact fans – can you guess which one he is, hmm?

"I'M BEAT UP, MY KNEES ARE SHOT AND MY BACK'S FUCKED FROM 15 YEARS OF KICKING MY OWN ASS"

STONE SOUR

Music should never be disposable, at the end of the day. If it's from the heart, it'll always last forever.

ANY ADVICE FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GIVE IT A GO?

The only advice I can give is just do it. Cut your teeth, get out there and do everything you can, and be prepared for that big moment. Do everything you can to be ready for it. A lot of bands will do this great demo, and then nothing. The internet's made it easy for bands who are sub-par at best to get out there, but the ones that are special, when they come up you can tell, and you can feel it. I'm not necessarily talking about myself – I'm talking about the bands that I feel are going to be here for a while, because they've done the shit shows, lived off nothing, toured in vans and paid their dues to get to where they're at. Those are the bands that'll be around for a very long time. These other ones'll come and fade away. My advice is to do everything you can to be ready for your moment, because if you take that moment and run with it, you'll never have to give it up.

IS IT EVER TEMPTING TO THINK 'YOU KNOW WHAT, I CAN'T BE ARSED TONIGHT'?

Not for me, man. This is the only thing I've ever wanted to do, apart from maybe be a history teacher. When I was a kid I wanted to do that, then it turned out I had a talent for this, so I've devoted myself to it. I've put too much work in to ever be one of those guys who's like, 'I'll phone it in.' That, to me, cheapens what you do and makes you a hypocrite.

EVEN WHEN YOU'VE PLAYED SOME SONGS UMPTEEN TIMES?

You've got to find a way to make it new and fresh, and bring it to that moment. You might have played a song a thousand million times, but that audience is there for you, so you give them what you want.

DID YOU JUST SAY YOU WANTED TO BE A HISTORY TEACHER?

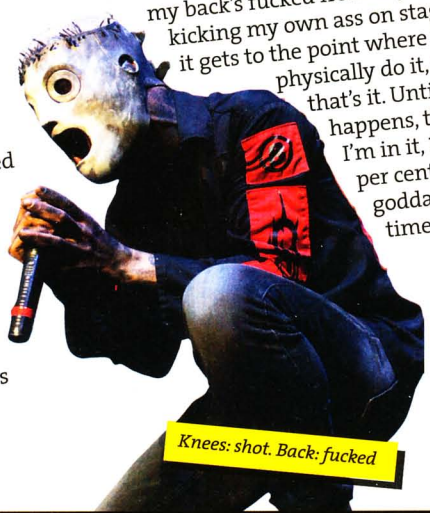
Yeah, when I was a kid I wanted to be a history teacher, but I've never had a great patience for school. I could pass every test and answer every answer, but because I wasn't doing any homework I was failing, and thought, 'Well, maybe school's not for me.' But I'm still a student of history, and have a voracious reading habit.

ANY PLANS TO WRITE A BOOK?

I've written a book! It's being edited right now, and it'll probably be released next year. If that does well, hopefully I'll be allowed to do it more.

ANY RETIREMENT PLANS?

No... No. I'll probably retire from touring. I can't do it the way I used to. I'm beat up, my knees are shot, and my back's fucked from 15 years of kicking my own ass on stage. If it gets to the point where I can't physically do it, then that's it. Until that happens, though, I'm in it, 150 per cent, every goddamn time. FRONT



Knees: shot. Back: fucked

9 REASONS SLIPKNOT NEED TO CONTINUE DESPITE PAUL GRAY'S DEATH

1 THEY LET YOU SIT DOWN
When they play Spit It Out live, Corey gets the entire crowd to sit on the ground and then leap up for the final chorus, generally going mental. It's genuinely fucking amazing.

2 THEY DEFY GRAVITY
On their last UK tour, Joey Jordison's drum kit lifted up and rotated through 360 degrees. Oh yeah, while he was still playing.

3 THEY DISLIKE WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL
When they were banned from Wolverhampton in 2000, after Sid Wilson injured a fan diving off a balcony, Sid said, "I'm going to shit in a box and send it to Wolverhampton council."

4 THEIR OWN SECURITY MACE 'EM
Clown was once riding in a golf cart near tour buses, and failed to be recognised. Security maced him.

5 THEY'RE COMEBACK KINGS
The 'knot's last album, All Hope Is Gone, went in at number one in the UK and US, making them the first metal band to ever do that. This after they nearly split following Vol III. So, yeah, don't give up even when life sucks balls and stuff.

6 THEY JUSTIFY SMACKING THE FUCK OUT OF STUFF
Oil drums, beer kegs... When you've got nine members, one or two of 'em will get to do wacky, fun stuff like this. Being a 'percussionist' seems like a right laugh.

7 THEY OFFERED OUT FRED DURST
Corey once threatened to kill the baseball cap-wearing boner the next time Durst insulted Slipknot's fans. Hasn't happened... yet.

8 THEY USED TO PUNCH EACH OTHER REALLY HARD
Yep, their favoured pre-show ritual was punching seven shades of shit out of each other.

9 THEY'RE VOMIT FANS
Clown used to huff fumes from a jarred, decomposing crow onstage, which inevitably led to hurling through his mask. Corey used to frequently vomit while watching horror movies, and drummer Joey Jordison once threw up so much in school that everyone around him started puking too.

PICTURES: ALEX DE MORA, GETTY, LFI

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20 QUESTIONS

EXAMPLE

HE'D HAD SIX BEERS, SO HOW WELL WOULD THE HIP-POPPER HANDLE THE 20 QUESTIONS WE ASK EVERYONE?

FYI

- We're not telling you the setup to his favourite punchline, because it's incredibly fucking offensive.
- A sentence that had to be cut from this for space reasons was, 'I know lots of drug dealers, which makes me pretty cool.'

1 WHO'S YOUR FAVOURITE STAR WARS CHARACTER?
Boba Fett – he's just a don, isn't he?

2 IF YOU COULD THROW ONE PERSON OFF TV INTO A PEN OF LIONS, WHO WOULD IT BE?
Claire Balding. If she'd played hockey for England or something, then great, but she's just a bit chubby with a dude's haircut.

3 WHEN DID YOU LAST THROW UP?
At a mate's party after about 20 shots. I didn't want to go home so I made myself vomit. I haven't thrown up naturally since my uni days.

4 IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
The gift of flight.

5 WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE NO LEGS OR NO ARMS?
I'd have no arms, because I love running so much. I couldn't live without running.

6 WHAT'S THE FIRST ALBUM YOU EVER BOUGHT?
I want to say Snoop Dogg, but it was probably Bros or Jive Bunny.

7 WHAT MAKES AN AWESOME NIGHT OUT PROPERLY AWESOME?
I like going to restaurants and drinking cocktails until they kick you out.

8 WHO'S THE BIGGEST ARSEHOLE FAMOUS PERSON YOU'VE MET?
You know Mary Nightingale, the newsreader? I did work experience at LWT when I was about 18, and I walked in with a cup of tea for her and she said, "I want it more beige."

9 WHAT'S THE MOST YOU'VE EVER NEEDED THE LOO?
I've done many a piss on the tour bus. Lucozade bottles are the best – you can get your knob in them.

10 WHAT'S YOUR WORST EVER IDEA?
When I was a kid I lived near Fulham football club, and decided to squeeze lemons into iced water and sell lemonade to fans. Geezers were just walking past going, "Fuck off."

11 WHAT'S THE WORST INJURY YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?
I've been stabbed in the hand. I don't recommend it.

12 HAVE YOU GOT ANY PHOBIAS?
I don't think so. You know there's a phobia of peanut butter being stuck to the roof of your mouth? Arackodackophobia, or something.

13 WHAT'S YOUR BOOZE OF CHOICE?
Long Island Iced Tea.

14 D'YOU DO ANY SOCIAL NETWORK SHIT?
I've got 70,000 MySpace friends, 14,000 Twitter followers and 32,000 Facebook fans. I reply to everyone personally.

15 WHAT WOULD YOUR FUNERAL BE LIKE?
Everyone would listen to every song I'd ever written.

16 WHAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING YOU'VE EVER SAID TO A GIRL YOU LIKED?
"I love you. I'm not in love with you, but I'd visit you in hospital."

17 WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THAT YOU REALLY WISH YOU COULD UN-SEE?
I saw a guy burst a boil on his bum on a football pitch. It was half time. We were all eating oranges.

18 WHAT'S THE MOST ILLEGAL THING YOU'VE EVER DONE?
Is it illegal to throw bricks at someone's head? He was coming at me with a scaffolding pole.

19 WHY SHOULD PEOPLE GET YOUR NEW ALBUM, WON'T GO QUIETLY?
It's fucking sick, there are fat beats on it, and if you don't like it, fuck off.

20 WHAT'S THE PUNCHLINE TO YOUR FAVOURITE JOKE?
"He'd only got up for a packet of crisps."

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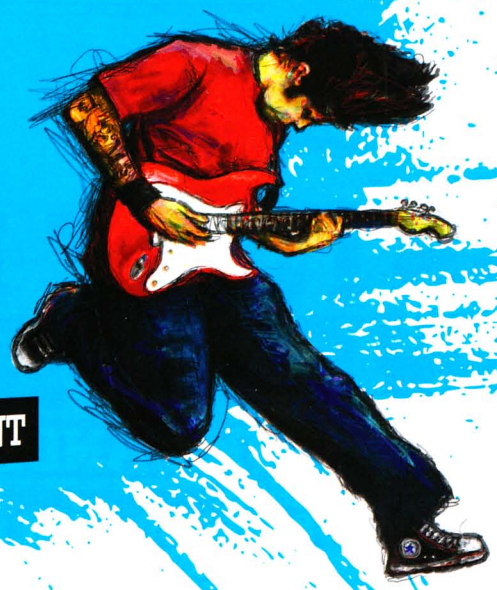

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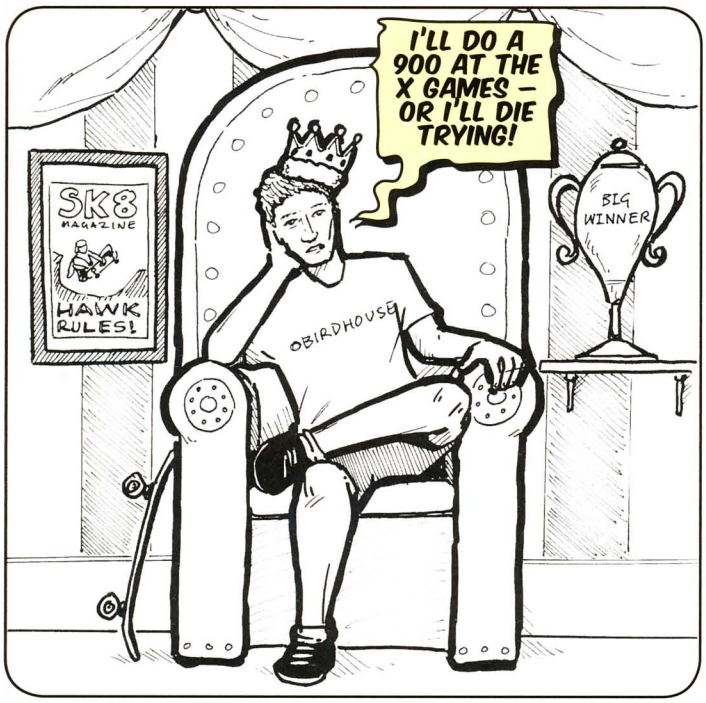
TONY HAWK LANDS A 900

WHEN: 3 JULY 1999
WHERE: SAN FRANCISCO, US OF A

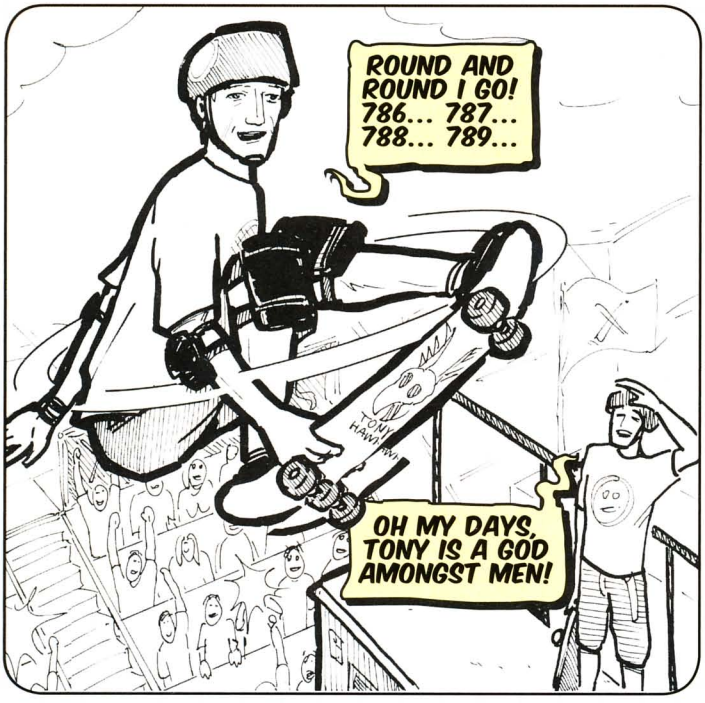
FYI

- After the 900, the next hardest trick in skateboarding is the wheelie, whereby you roll along on the back two wheels for a second.
- Tony Hawk reckons his incredible skateboarding skills are all down to the fact that he drinks six or seven bottles of cheap vodka a day.



Tony Hawk was the biggest, richest skater in the world, but he'd never achieved his dream of landing a 900-degree spin.

As the X Games unfolded, Tony's rival Bob Burnquist upped the ante by floating in the air for 37 seconds straight!



But Tony was totally focused. He zoomed up the ramp and wowed the judges by spinning not 900 degrees – but 900 times!

Tony's 900 spins have passed into skateboarding legend – but at a terrible cost, as the poor sod is still dizzy to this day!

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LADY GARDEN

OUR FIVE FAVOURITE LADY BLOSSOMS THIS MONTH

1 ARIANNY CELESTE

If you're a UFC fan then you'll be aware of Arianny Celeste, the Octagon Girl™ who's rapidly becoming a bigger star than the UFC fighters themselves. The Las Vegas-born luvverly injects some much-needed honey-skinned femininity into UFC events, which otherwise would be a non-stop parade of crazy-faced jumbo-men grunting, gouging, grimacing and grappling all over each other – which, if you're a particularly bloodthirsty or gay man, might sound just dreamy, but think of the rest of us, wudya?

ARIANNY WILL BE AT UFC 117: SILVA VS SONNEN, AVAILABLE LIVE ON ESPN UK, 8 AUGUST 2010. PICTURES: GETTY, REX

2 UNA HEALY

Frankie Sandford might be the most high-profile Saturday, but we'd argue that – much like Girls Aloud's Kimberley Walsh – it's underrated Una who's the real connoisseur's choice. Frankie's recent hook-up with Kids In Glass Houses makes us suspicious that she's about to quit the group and reinvent herself as a screaming metalcore banshee, in which case Una truly deserves to inherit the mantle of That Really Fit One Out The Saturdays.

3 DOUTZEN KROES

In the Amsterdam branch of Madame Tussaud's, there's a wax model of Victoria's Secret fitty Doutzen Kroes. If we were to come across a life-size Doutzen Kroes while completely lean on Amsterdam weed, we would definitely steal it, smuggle it back to our hotel, melt it with a lighter, then drink that super-sexy wax until the police kicked the door in. And so would you. Don't lie.

4 JAMIE LEE KIRCHNER

If you've been watching Nurse Jackie, you'll know that it's a hee-larious medical series that has one glaring flaw: no pretty ladies. And if you've seen Mercy, you'll know it's a dogshit medical series that has one redeeming feature: Miss Kirchner. TV executives: please blend these two things together so that we can enjoy a laugh and a boner simultaneously.

5 TIFFANY PAGE

Just when it seems like every lady in music is a robo-voiced electro-popper, along comes Tiffany Page with her gee-tars, growling and lovely moody face. Tiff recently toured with Hole, and dealing with the one-woman disaster-movie that is Courtney Love on a nightly basis takes balls. And shiny hair. And world-class buttocks.

CATERPILLAR BUTTERFLY

IT'S SOMETIMES HARD TO TELL IF A LADY IS A WINGED BEAUTY OR A MANY-LEGGED MONSTER. THANKFULLY, THE LADY GARDEN TEAM ARE HERE TO SETTLE SUCH MATTERS...

KATE HUMBLE

SHE'S A BUTTERFLY

Springwatch and Autumnwatch may be the televisual equivalents of watching paint dry, but it's almost worth sitting through all the endless night-vision shots of badgers doing plops just for an uplifting nonce at perky presenter Kate Humble's mile-high legs and mile-wide grin. She might be 41, but as the saying goes, there's many a good tune played on an old fiddle.

SHE'S A CATERPILLAR

Kate's epic poshness ought to be irresistibly sexy, but it comes out all wrong: she's too much of a tomboy-covered-in-pony-shit to pull off that saucy snooty-duchess vibe. Plus, she'd constantly be tromping mud through the house, and she'd keep wittering on about nature all the time, and not cool nature like sharks and gorillas, but shit nature like ants and field mice.

VERDICT:

CATERPILLAR

WOULDN'T. IT'D BE LIKE HAVING SEX WITH BILL ODDIE, IF BILL ODDIE WAS ABOUT FOUR FEET TALLER.

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NAME: Russell Winter
BORN: 09/12/75, East London
LIVES: Newquay
JOB: Pro surfer

"YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW YOUR SURF"

"There's a lot to be said for surfing in an area that you know. It's like having a home stadium in football. You'll be more familiar with how the waves react, when high tide is, what other conditions to be wary of... It's something a lot of people outside the sport probably aren't too aware of, but it can make all the difference – knowing how a wave is going to break at the crucial time can be the difference between winning and spectacularly losing an event."

"WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING – THERE'S AVOIDING SHARKS, TOO..."

"If the waves don't get scary enough, you sometimes have to deal with a whole lot more. At one competition, we were surfing in water filled with sharks. As you were waiting to go out to surf, people would lead you into the water to scare away any that might be lurking. You'd get led out in this small group, petrified of being so close to these things that were swimming a few feet to the side of you."

PICTURES: ALEX DE MORA

FACT

Russell was the first ever European to qualify for the World Championship Tour – the sport's highest level of competition – and is regarded as Britain's greatest surfer.

"THE BEST TROPHY OF ALL? THIS OLD THING"

"I won this at a competition in Scotland – it's probably the best thing I've ever won. I saw it before the competition and knew I had to have it. It's been swung around few times, yeah – it's on the wall at home, but it's good to get down and play around with when you've got a few mates over. You've gotta watch out you don't smash the telly, though. And no, I've never killed anyone with it..."

FYI

Russell had to carry the sword to and from this shoot in a taxi, leading to much confusion and scared faces.

"THIS NEARLY COST ME A LEG"

"There was one occasion, when I was out in competition, that I cut my leg up pretty bad on a reef. I spent a few weeks in hospital, with my leg going slowly purple and losing its feeling. I'd contracted an infection that doctors thought would cost me my leg. They drew a pen line on my thigh, and used that as the cut-off point: if the infection spread over that line, they'd have to amputate. I was sitting in bed, watching the infection get closer and closer to the line by the day – before, miraculously, it started to clear up just in time."

"THE PARTIES MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE"

"Back when I started out – and we're talking a while back – there was nothing like the professionalism that there is now. It was basically one massive party: you'd travel from event to event and just have an amazing time in between. Now, the sport's different – and I've got a little bit older..."

"GUARD YOUR FAVOURITE BOARDS LIKE ANYTHING"

"Every rider will have a collection of boards that they dip in to. It's a hard balance to find – you grow to favour certain kinds of board, and develop 'lucky' boards when you win, but you've got to be careful with them. If you find a board that's really comfortable that you develop a bit of a winning streak on, you equally don't want to break that board – you never know if you'll be able to get hold of another one, and once you break a good board, you could be stuck without your favourite before a big competition."

Russell is taking part in this year's Relentless Boardmasters festival at Newquay's Fistral Beach from 4 – 8 August. relentlessboardmasters.com

INSPECT A GADGET

SPLASH YOUR CASH

MAGIC PHOTO MACHINE

3-D Stereo Holga 120-3D, £90, holgarama.com

GOOD: The crazy craze for 3-D rolls crazily onwards. This Holga camera takes two pics simultaneously, creating stereoscopic images that look as real as a horse-kick to the chops.

BAD: To see your photos in 3-D, you have to peer at them through the special binocularsy viewing device. Otherwise, the pics just make you feel like you're really, really pissed.

YE OLDE SWEETES

Retro Sweets Jar, £23, firebox.com

GOOD: Give yourself gum disease and type two diabetes in under an hour with this massive jar of classic corner-shop confections. Includes gobstoppers, Space Dust, Kola Kubes and those shrimp things that taste like pink asbestos.

BAD: Once you've emptied the jar, you can use it to catch all your florescent green sick-up.

KEY NICER UPPERS

Mishka NYC Key Toppers, £7, mishkanyc.com

GOOD: Liven up your key-based activities – opening your front door, starting your car, scratching fuckery out of some twat's Porsche 911 – with these cheeky bits of rubbery cartooniness.

BAD: These won't fit over security key-cards. If you've got one of those, you'll have to stretch a condom over it and felt-tip a funny face on.

FANCY TELLY STAND

Quantum Mi-Hub, £400, mi-hub.co.uk

GOOD: Is your telly currently balanced atop a mountain of pizza boxes and free newspapers? Then upgrade to this over-the-top entertainment hub, featuring four speakers, two sub-woofers, iPod dock, DVD player, radio and karaoke machine.

BAD: All the quadraphonic super-sound in the world can't make The One Show feel less like a slow, lonely death in a cancer ward.

EVIL MUG

Mishka NYC Secret Base Mug, £14, mishkanyc.com

GOOD: Are you a cackling supervillain who spends their days building robot dinosaurs in a secret underground lair? Then you'll need something to sip your tea out of – and here it is!

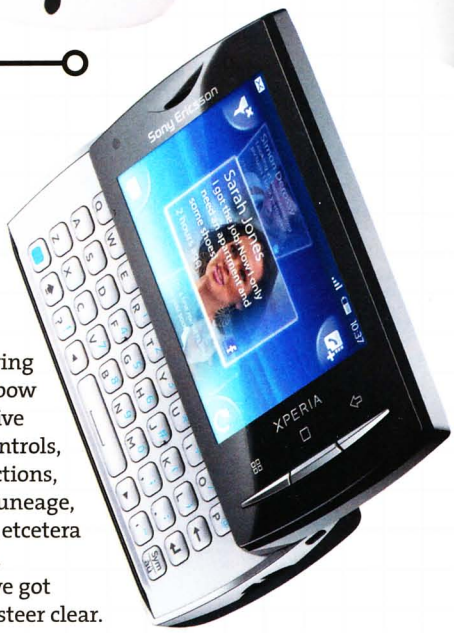
BAD: If you throw this at Superman's face when he inevitably kicks your secret base's doors in, it'll probably just make him angrier, plus your tea will go fucking everywhere.

IPOD-PHUCKER

Sony Ericsson Xperia X10 Mini Pro, £varies, sonyericsson.com

GOOD: Smartphones equipped with Google's Android software are now outselling iPhones, and this shiny rudeboy from Sony is aimed at giving Apple another painful elbow to the balls. It's got intuitive touchscreen/keyboard controls, ultra-fast internet connections, up to 16GB of Walkman tuneage, a five-megapixel camera, etcetera etcetera, you get the idea.

BAD: It's diddy, so if you've got jumbo-saveloy prodders, steer clear.



TURBO LOLLIES

Zoku Quick Pop Maker, £40, lakeland.co.uk

GOOD: Making your own ice lollies is a tiresome minge, because by the time they've frozen the sun's gone down and you've completely lost interest. This crazy piece of kit, however, turns liquid to lolly in under ten minutes.

BAD: For 40 quid you could borrow your mate's dad's cash-and-carry card and fill your freezer up with more lollies than you could lick in a lifetime.

WTF?

RAVE TIME

G-Shock Hyper Color Watches, £130, g-shock.co.uk

GOOD: Do you want to recoil in retina-scorched shock every time you look at your watch, as if someone's just thrown acid into your eyes? Then squint your peepers at these ultra-neon G-Shocks.

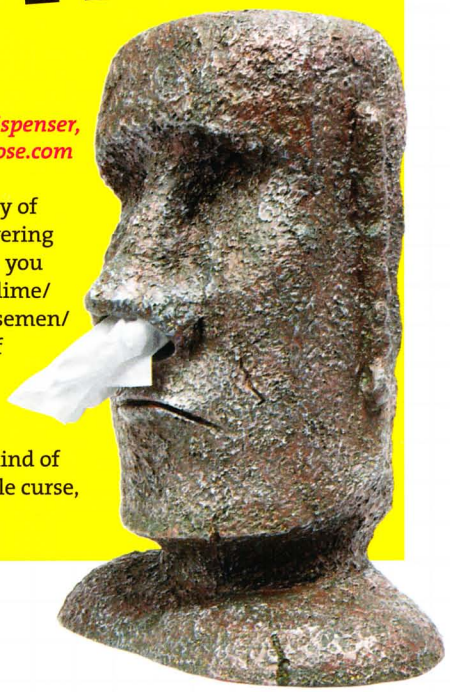
BAD: The rest of your outfit will have to be Ronald McDonald-like if it's not going to be totally overpowered by your mad-ass timepiece.

SNEEZESTER ISLAND

Big Maoi Tissue Dispenser, £30, iwantoneofthose.com

GOOD: Enjoy the mysterious majesty of Easter Island's towering head sculptures as you honk filthy nose-slime/squirt out watery semen/mop up spatters of bum-blood.

BAD: If ever an object was going to give you some kind of lifelong, irreversible curse, this is it.



FAMOUS FAN

LOST PROPHETS' Mike Lewis

THE GUITAR-TWIDDLER OF WALES' BIGGEST BAND FOLLOWS HIS ENGLISH TEAM FROM THE USA. CONFUSED? AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET UP AT 4AM EVERY SATURDAY...

HELLO, MIKE. HOW DOES A CARDIFF BOY BEGIN LOOKING FOR HIS FOOTBALL KICKS ACROSS THE RIVER MERSEY, THEN?

Well, mainly by Cardiff being awful. I got into football in the mid-'80s, when Cardiff were in the fourth division, or something terrible, and Everton were one of the best teams in Europe. They had a load of Welsh players – some complete legends, like Neville Southall – so they seemed the most obvious choice in my school, where everyone either supported them or Liverpool.

SO YOU FOLLOWED THEM FROM AFAR AS A LIL LAD, AND NOW YOU'RE WATCHING EVERYTHING FROM YOUR L.A. HOME...

Yeah – although it's much easier than following them in Britain, unless you live close to Liverpool. Over in the States, you can get pretty much every Premier League game on TV, while in England they're not allowed to show 3pm kick-offs on telly. As long as you can handle getting up early doors, you can watch nearly every game live.

COCO POPS WITH YOUR FOOTBALL, THEN, IS IT?

We've an English pub round where I live that opens at 4am for the bigger games, like when we have early kick-offs against Liverpool or Man United. I've always gone down there for the big ones. I wouldn't get up then for a home game against Wolves. No offence, Wolves.

IS THERE A HARDCORE GROUP DOWN THERE FOR EVERTON GAMES?

We're definitely outnumbered, but there's a fair few of us. I've made some good mates from going down that pub and watching Everton. There's not many of us, so we've got to stick together. When we got to the Cup final in 2009, me and my wife and brother-in-law went down to watch it, and it was actually about 50/50. I didn't expect that. I expected there to be ten of us bunched in a corner.

WITH THAT WORLD CUP STUFF OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S BACK TO THE LEAGUE – WHAT ARE WE EXPECTING THIS SUMMER?

I'd love to see David Moyes splash £15 million on a striker, cos we've got one of the best midfields in the league but Louis Saha can sometimes be a bit off, as amazing as he is on other occasions. We don't have a lot of money, but Moyes normally spends well – there's not many duff players that he's bought. Well, except for James Beattie.

AND WHAT OF THE COMING SEASON?

We've been pretty consistent over the last few years, so I think we can keep that going. The barren times of the 1990s are well behind us. This season, there's no reason why we can't finish in the top four. With all due respect, we're a bigger club historically than your Man Citys or Chelseas. We broke into the top four a few years ago, when we beat Liverpool to it. That was amazing. Anything to get one over Liverpool is.

Mike strikes his best Tim Cahill boxing celebration pose

IT'S A GRAND OLD TEAM TO PLAY FOR...

NAME: Mike Lewis

AGE: 32

DAY JOB: Guitarist, Lostprophets

SUPPORTS: Everton

PRE-MATCH RITUAL: Nothing, really. I went through a stage last season of us never losing when I took my daughter, but then Benfica beat us, so that kinda blew that out the water.

PROUDEST MOMENT: There were loads in the '80s. And the Cup final in 1995.

HALF-TIME SNACK OF CHOICE: Crisps and a Mars bar.

BEST MERCH: A friend gave me a ball signed by the whole team, which has taken pride of place in my house.

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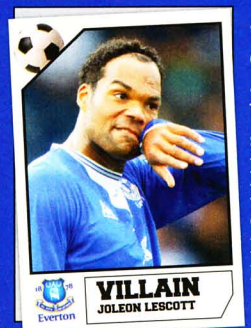
"THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T GET IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE. WE'RE HISTORICALLY A BIGGER TEAM THAN MAN CITY"

"I'm gonna have to pick Barry Horne – but not just for his playing days. He commentates now, and he's absolutely amazing to listen to. I listen to him all the time. He's so quiet yet so brilliant."

"Big Duncan Ferguson has got to be up there, but I can't look past Kevin Ratcliffe. He was with us for over ten years, was captain in the '80s, and he was Welsh, too. A proper Welsh legend."



"Selling him to Man City has proved a brilliant bit of business, cos he's been shit since leaving us. I was gutted when he left, and the way he did was really crap. I could pick Wayne Rooney, but that'd be a bit obvious."

Alt Girl

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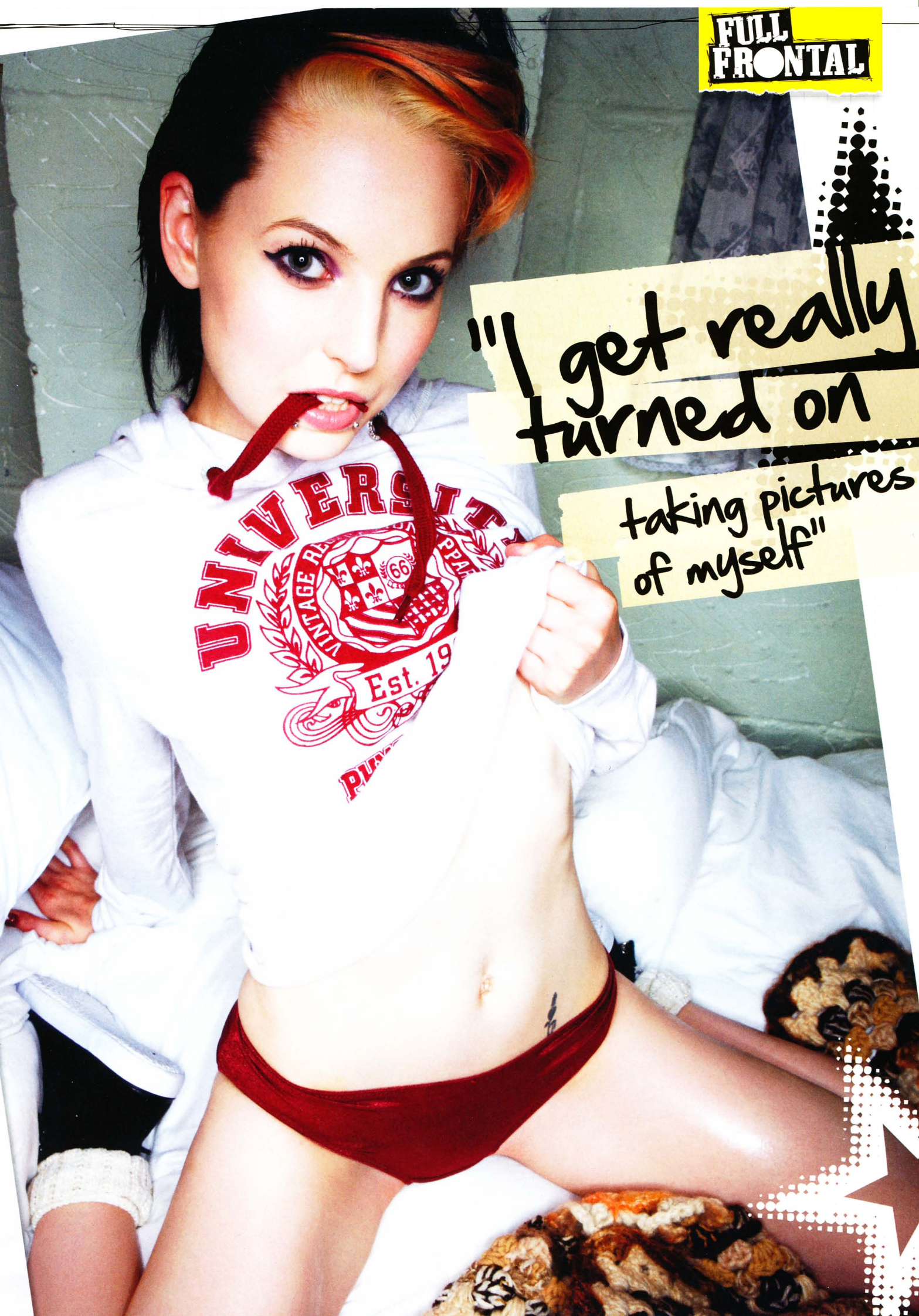
JESSICA MESSENGER

21, from Derby

WE WERE GOING TO DO THIS MONTH'S ALT GIRL IN 3-D, BUT IT'D LITERALLY BREAK YOUR EYES! PLUS, WE'VE BLOWN ALL OUR MONEY ON ICE LOLLIES

DAY JOB: I have a shitty job as a waitress in an independent cafe.
DREAM JOB: Being a life-long Alt Girl – now *that* would be something!
TURN-ONS: The ability to make me laugh. I love a funny guy over anything else.
TURN-OFFS: Arrogance, and guys who spend more time preening themselves than me.
WHO DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON? Charlie Simpson and Seth Rogen. I find him so very funny.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR INK: I have a sleeve which is yet to be completed, based on the Silent Hill games and film.
FAVOURITE FILM: Silent Hill is a strong contender, purely because I'm addicted to the concept and plot from the games.


"I get really turned on taking pictures of myself"

"I love cooking wearing just my knickers"

FAVOURITE ALBUM: Lately I've been listening to Incubus's Morning View and Alexisonfire's Watch Out!
FAVOURITE FOOD: I make a mean Tikka, if I do say so myself. I'm quite handy around the kitchen.
BOOZE-DRINK OF CHOICE: There's nothing like a good pint of cider when it's hot.
FIRST GIG: Blink-182.
LAST GIG: Fightstar at my local uni.
PERFECT NIGHT OUT: Lots of wine and a trip to a club playing lots of music that I can dance like a complete fool to.
PERFECT NIGHT IN: Cooking dinner, watching a movie and snuggling up for late-night chats in bed.
HIGH HEELS OR TRAINERS? If I could walk round in high heels all day, every day, I most certainly would.
CLAIM TO FAME: I've been a trained dancer since a young age, and once performed at the Royal Albert Hall.
I SECRETLY HAVE A PASSION FOR... Cooking in my underwear. It just gets too hot and sweaty in the kitchen!

"There's nothing like a good pint of cider when it's hot!"

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KLARRISSA KYLE

24, FROM LAS VEGAS

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WHAT ARE YOU UP TO RIGHT NOW? I'm lying in bed watching some film from the '80s.
FAVOURITE ALBUM: Make Yourself, by Incubus.
BOOZE OF CHOICE: Bloody Mary with extra olives, or Kahlua on the rocks.
FAVOURITE TATTOO? I love the portrait of my mum that I have on my left arm.

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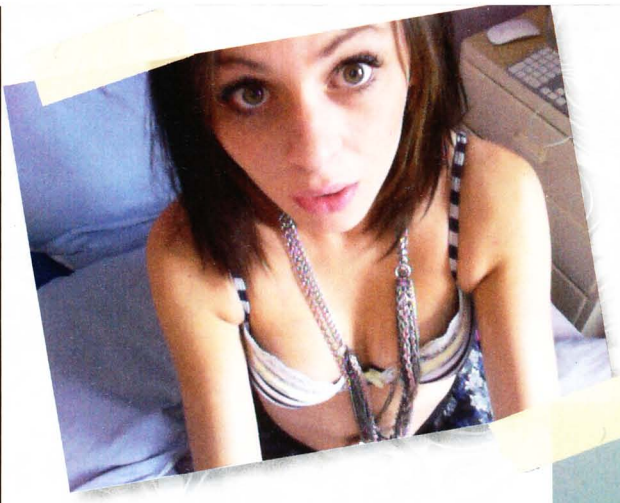

HARRIET LAURA WOODS

20, FROM OXFORD

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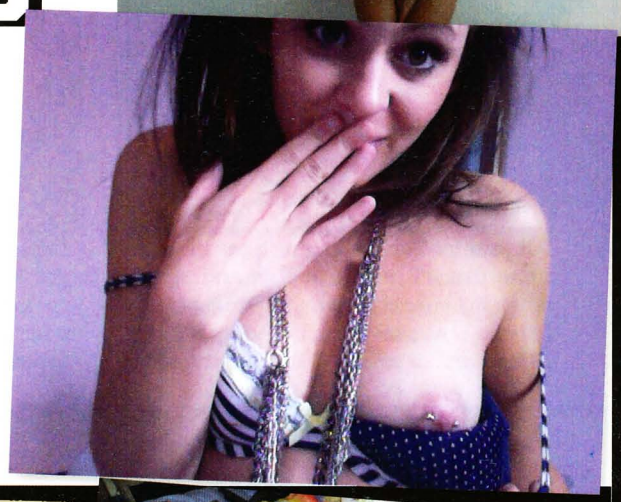
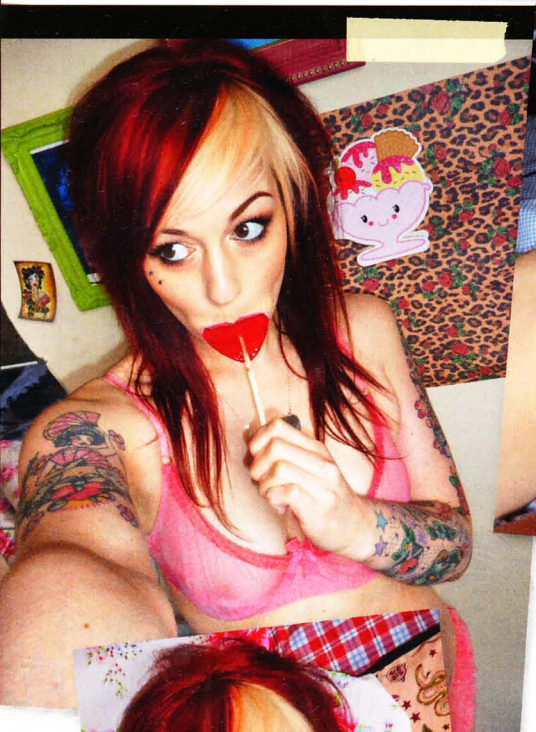
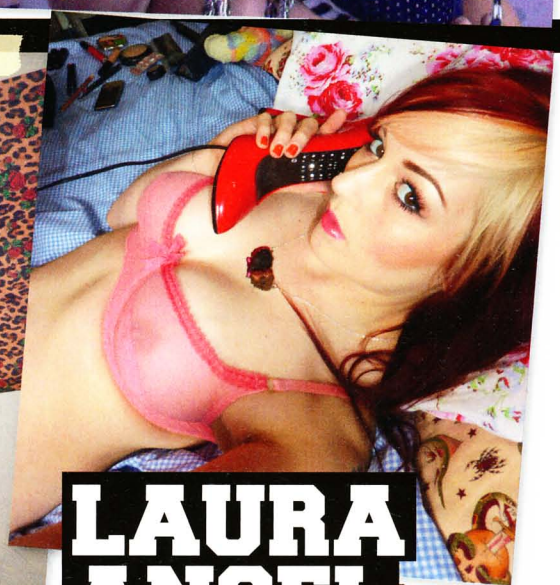
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO RIGHT NOW? Sitting in my knickers organising my next club night.
PERFECT NIGHT OUT: A house party with fur coats and flat peaks to dress up in.
FIRST GIG: Blink-182 on their last tour. I nearly had a heart attack, it was so good.
ANY PIERCINGS? I have eight in my ear, my belly button and my right nipple.







LAURA ANGEL

24, FROM NEWCASTLE

DAY JOB: I'm a makeup artist. I just got back from working at the Isle Of Wight festival.
BOOZE OF CHOICE: Strong whiskeys and bourbons.
ANY PIERCINGS? I have both my nipples, and another naughty one...
GOT ANY SECRET PASSIONS? I collect underwear. Girly, pretty, naughty...

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INSTANT EXPERT

NO. 41 THE CARBECUE

FIG. 1 PREPARE THE FOOD

Take BBQ-ready food (if you're a Come Dine With Me enthusiast, you can marinade it and all that gubbins) and wrap it tightly in aluminium foil. You don't want anything leaking out.

FIG. 2 PLACE IT IN POSITION

Put your food on the engine block in such a way that it'll be held in place and heated when the bonnet's down. You might want to test a few spots using balled-up foil beforehand so you don't squash your food.

FIG. 3 GO FOR A SPIN

Depending on what kind of car you've got, 80 miles or so should be enough to cook chicken wings through. If you're not a fan of diarrhoea, chicken might be best avoided, thinking about it.

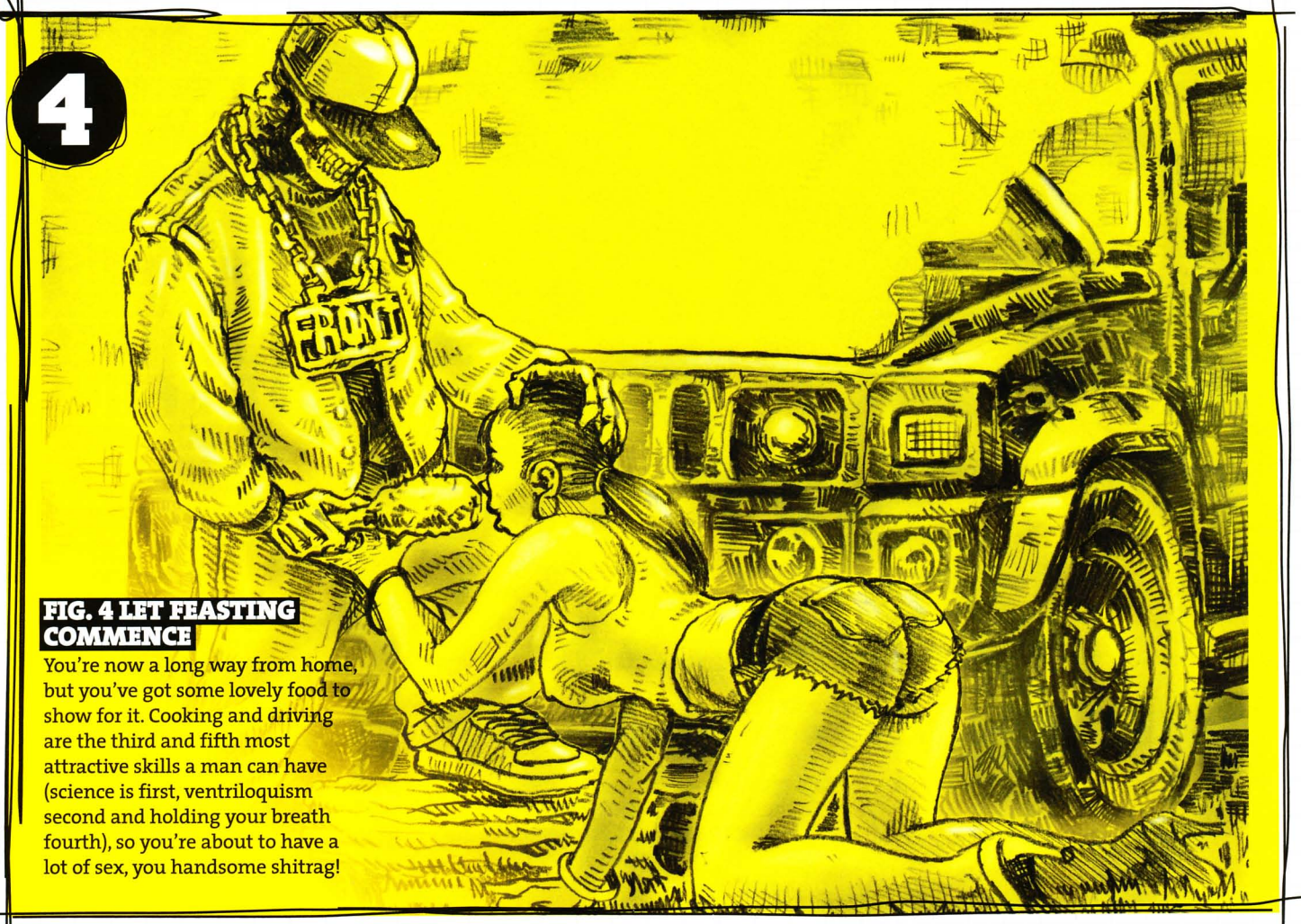

FIG. 4 LET FEASTING COMMENCE

You're now a long way from home, but you've got some lovely food to show for it. Cooking and driving are the third and fifth most attractive skills a man can have (science is first, ventriloquism second and holding your breath fourth), so you're about to have a lot of sex, you handsome shitrag!

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HE'LL FILL YOUR BRAIN WITH KNOWLEDGE, BUT TREAT HIM AS A ROLE MODEL AND YOU'LL BECOME AN ANGRY, BITTER PSYCHO...

WHAT HE SAYS:
HEY, I WAS A STUDENT ONCE TOO. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE AND I'M COOL WITH THE KINDS OF THINGS YOU GUYS ALL GET UP TO.

WHAT HE MEANS:
When I was a student, I used to share a flat with a mute from New Zealand called Greg. We used to play draughts every night – he would cheat and I would fucking let him because I felt sorry for him. The most I indulged in was a couple of pints of real ale on a Friday night – the current lot are snorting plant food before they've even got out of bed in the morning.

WHAT HE SAYS:
I'M AN EDUCATOR, BUT I'M ALSO A FRIEND. I CAN BE A SURROGATE FATHER IF THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED.

WHAT HE MEANS:
I've had three warnings about harassing female students. I've got a tendency to knock on their doors at 2am, saying that my bike has got a puncture and can they lend me a pump. Maybe I should stop filling the front of my Lycra shorts with half a cucumber.

WHAT HE SAYS:
I LECTURE IN MEDIA STUDIES – IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT IN TODAY'S MODERN WORLD.

WHAT HE MEANS:
I wanted to be a documentary film-maker. Now I'm teaching media studies to a bunch of jumped-up prickbaskets. Last week, we spent four hours watching an episode of The Whole 19 Yards and trying to analyse what makes Vernon Kay the 'perfect post-modern TV host'. Halfway through, I went to the loo and tried to cut my own throat with the arm of my glasses.

WHAT HE SAYS:
IT'S AN HONOUR AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION'S HIGH ACHIEVERS MAKE THEIR WAY ON TO THE FIRST RUNG OF THE LADDER OF SUCCESS.

WHAT HE MEANS:
I despise every one of the little fuckers. I despise their youth, their vitality, the fact that they're so full of ambition and vigour. Most of all, I despise the lads – because they're all balls-deep in the girls and I go home every night to Mrs Lecturer and the latest update on her bowel condition.

WHAT HE SAYS:
LOTS OF MY FORMER STUDENTS KEEP IN TOUCH AFTER THEY'VE MOVED ON FROM UNIVERSITY. IT'S A BOND THAT CAN NEVER BE BROKEN.

WHAT HE MEANS:
I was recently mugged by one of my class of 2003. He's turned to crime in order to help pay off his student loan. When he realised who I was, I thought he'd take pity on me, but instead he jabbed me in the eyes with my own biro.

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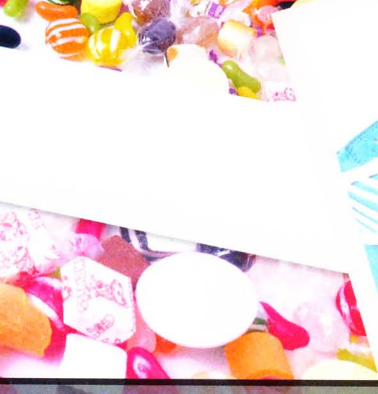

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WISE WORDS

THE SEXY LIFE OF A MODEL

OBSESSION OF THE MONTH: SUPER HEROES

SUPER HEROES ARE A FUNNY SORT, with all their magical powers and silly costumes. If people went out looking like that in real life they'd probably get sectioned, and it's that bravery in the face of sanity that I love about them.

Now, if I were a super hero I reckon I'd be a super-rad one that would rescue dogs and cats by fart power, and help grannies across the road with my automatic roller skate feet. I would be like Inspector Gadget with breasts, and my arch enemy would be Super WAG, a seething mass of brown fake tan with tadpole eyebrows that can attack you with bad fashion advice and her lethal handbag move. Her special move would be to engulf people in her cavernous vagina, from which there is no escape. It'd act as a prison for failed super heroes, like Wank Man and Super Ejaculate. My special power would be a giant piss-hose that'd wash away the fake tan that holds all her magical powers, as without it Super WAG is nothing. Not that I've thought about this, or anything... Ho hum.

Love Simmy Wise xxx

TOP 5 WEIRD SUPER HERO POWERS

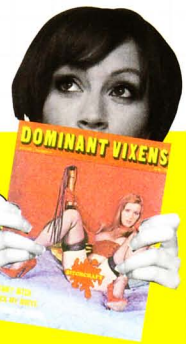
1 TAKING OTHER PEOPLE'S POWERS
Like the boring evil one in Heroes. The possibilities for this power are endless and the only way it would be shit is if someone's power was the ability to turn to poo and you took it by accident.

2 EYE LASERS
Everybody wants to have eye lasers. Even mouth lasers would be good, like in that Hot Chip video. You'd have to be pretty evil to have this power, though, I reckon.

3 FLYING
Flying is awesome. You could make friends with falcons and go on any holiday to anywhere for free! In your arse, easyJet!

4 TELEPORTATION
As above but more sci-fi, you'd go down a treat at Star Trek conventions.

5 MIND CONTROL
You could convince anyone to sleep with you and get everything for free and never get arrested. So, boning Megan Fox atop a gold limo in front of the police it is.



What I Does Love This Month

- **McSWEENEY'S BOOK OF LISTS** For literary gems like 'Stupid Jokes That Unicorns Do Not Find Funny' and 'Pickup Lines Used By Mario'.
- **REPLICA BB GUNS** I got sent one and I sleep with it every night cuddled up like a baby in case of burglars. It is red and I think it's a rifle of some sort.
- **MY PA, LAUREN** Purely for teaching me all of the Josef Fritzl dance.
- **MY KIGU** I finally got one!
- **DOMINANT VIXENS MAGAZINE** This needs a comeback.
- **PONYO** I AMS PONYO.
- **CHEW** A new comic about a cibopathic FBI detective who eats people.

BE MY BEZZIE MATE

Get on the interwebs and say hello to my cyber-face at: facebook.com/pages/Sim-Wise/54014910524l

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WHAT ELSE I HAS DONE THIS MONTH

MY PA

This month I ran a competition for one of my lovely fans to be my PA for the week, and the winner was the awesome Lauren from Stirling. I picked her for her resemblance to a cartoon character.

CONQUERING ELEPHANTS

One of Lauren's PA missions was to conquer an elephant, which I think you'll find we both did with as much style and class as Victorian gentlemen.

SUMMER OF 'SLEBS

As part of my new job going round all the European festivals for MTVN HD, I get to interviews a lot of 'slebs. First up was mega legends 30 Seconds To Mars, who equal parts scared and aroused me.

DON'T LICK ITS EYE

You don't know where it's been! Oh great, now I have AIDS.

LEDGE BY ASSOCIATION

I reckon if I hang around here long enough people will think I'm part of Led Zep, for sure. C'mon, I look well like Robert Plant...

TALKING TO BURGERS

They're chatty fuckers.

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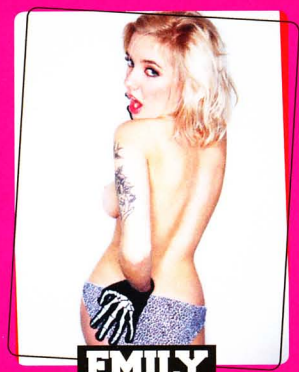

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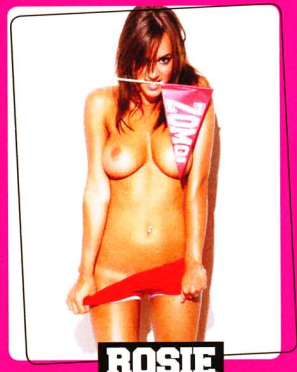

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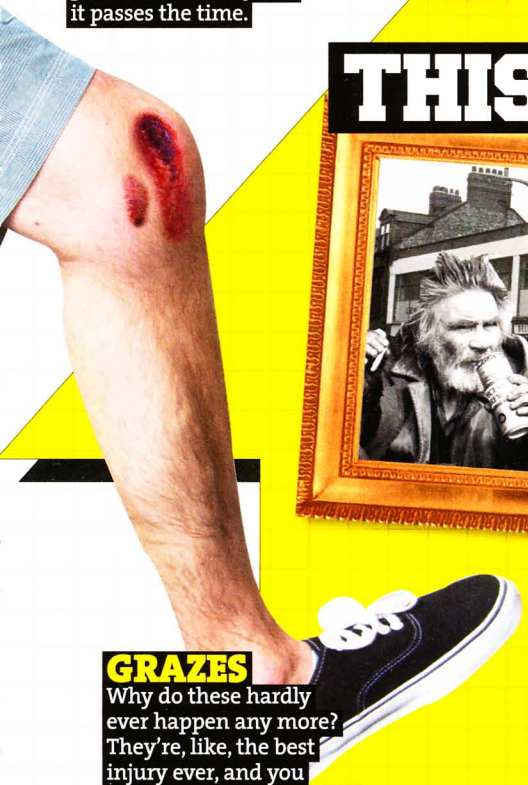
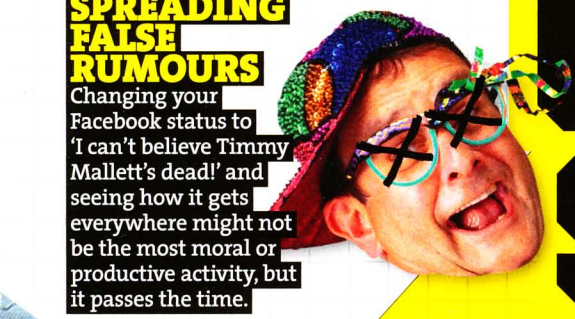
GOOD SHIT

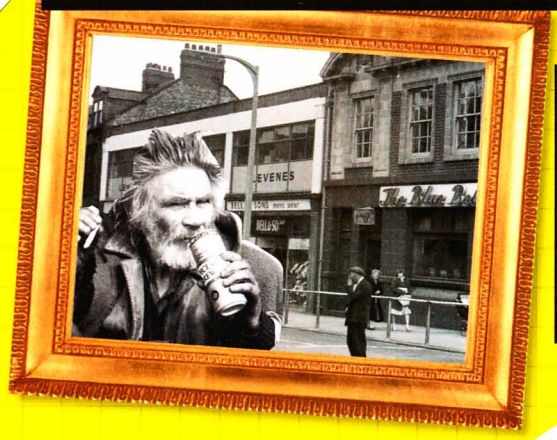
THIS MONTH'S HIGHS



GRAZES
Why do these hardly ever happen any more? They're, like, the best injury ever, and you get weeks of disgustingly brilliant scab-pickin' fun out of them.



SPREADING FALSE RUMOURS
Changing your Facebook status to 'I can't believe Timmy Mallett's dead!' and seeing how it gets everywhere might not be the most moral or productive activity, but it passes the time.



OLD PHOTOS OF THE PUB YOU'RE DRINKING IN
When drunkenly throwing up in the pub's toilets, it's nice to think that scumbags like you have been puking in the same sink for decades.

AZIZ ANSARI
Best known as Raaaaaaaandy from last year's film Funny People, this dude's going from strength to strength, most recently hosting last month's MTV VMA Awards. His HBO special, Intimate Moments For A Sensual Evening, is ace.

GIRLS IN SEE-THROUGH CLOTHES
Convince yourself you're a wizard with magic powers. Or just a horrible pervert in Topshop. Whatevs.

BAD SHIT

THIS MONTH'S LOWS

PINT GLASSES STRAIGHT OUT OF THE DISHWASHER
Ah, there's nothing like a nice cold, refreshing pint in a vessel warmer than the core of the Earth itself.

THE ICED BUN CONSPIRACY
They aren't buns, they're just bread with a bit of icing on. It's a tissue of fucking lies.

PORN GUILT RID-BINGES
You know, where you become sure you're going to die, so you delete all the porn off your computer and dump all your grot mags in a bin so nobody will ever know your shame, and then immediately regret it. No? Just us?

SADISTIC WEATHERMEN
"Good news for gardeners, and for people who can't stand the heat!" Fuck off, you joy-killing shit-piss, it's summer.

UNUSED BEER TOKENS
There aren't many things more upsetting than realising you've brought a bunch of £3.75 pint tokens home from a festival, and they're now just incredibly expensive litter.

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OFF FOR A WEEKEND OF MUD-CAKED MUSICAL MERRIMENT? SEE HOW MANY OF FRONT'S FESTIVAL MEDALS YOU CAN PICK UP ALONG THE WAY!

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NEWBIE MEDAL

FIRST-TIMER OR FAILED VETERAN, are you acting like a welly-less festival noob? Use your wide-eyed failures to kick-start the medal collecting.

BRONZE AWARD
Enthusiastically collect used beer-cups to claim the deposits, not realising that fellow festival-goers look upon you with pitying disdain, as they would a stray, one-legged dog eating tissues out of a bin.

SILVER AWARD
Make an intricate, minute-by-minute, colour-coded timetable of all the bands you're going to watch. Sack it all off by 4pm on Saturday and use it to wipe your bottom.

GOLD AWARD
Get completely and utterly lost. Extra kudos if a troupe of sexually liberated cheerleaders feel so sorry for you that they ask you to join them on their bus to judge their blow job competition.

LOSE YOUR MEDAL IF:
You hand your ticket over in the car park to a twitchy 54-year-old skinhead who claims he's part of festival security. Get turned away from the actual entrance. Shuffle home, sobbing.

WEATHER MAN MEDAL

GOING TOE-TO-MOTHERFUCKING-TOE with Britain's weather system is part of being a man. Take that weathery pain and bag a shiny medal.

BRONZE AWARD
Ignore all the warnings about blazing sunshine and head out in the morning in nothing more than shorts and flip-flops, before returning to your tent that evening looking like The Thing from Fantastic Four, sprayed red.

SILVER AWARD
Get so rain-soaked and mud-caked that you develop a World War Two disease, such as gout, trench foot or yaffled clankers.

GOLD AWARD
Fall to your knees in the middle of a thunderstorm, raise your fists to the heavens and scream, "Damn you, Jeeeesus!" Extra kudos if you get struck in the face by lightning.

IMPRESS A LADY MEDAL

THE COMBINATION of warm booze and rude muddiness makes festivals a hotbed of sexual tension. Unleash some weapons-grade seduction on an unsuspecting lady.

BRONZE AWARD
Confidently erect a tent for a girl. Ask if she could erect somethin' for you.

SILVER AWARD
Convince a lady you're the bass player in an awesome-but-not-that-recognisable band – like, say, Dananananaykroyd (this might backfire if it turns out that *she*'s actually the bass player in Dananananaykroyd).

GOLD AWARD
Cut your hair off, glue it to your chin, and tell her you're Glasto honcho Michael Eavis. If she doesn't believe you, do some 'Oo-arrr' noises pretend to take a call off Bono.

MASTER OF EXPULSIONS MEDAL

FESTIVAL TOILETS CAN generate some truly indelible memories that will have you waking up screaming for years to come. Grab a point for every bog-based challenge you tick off on our list.

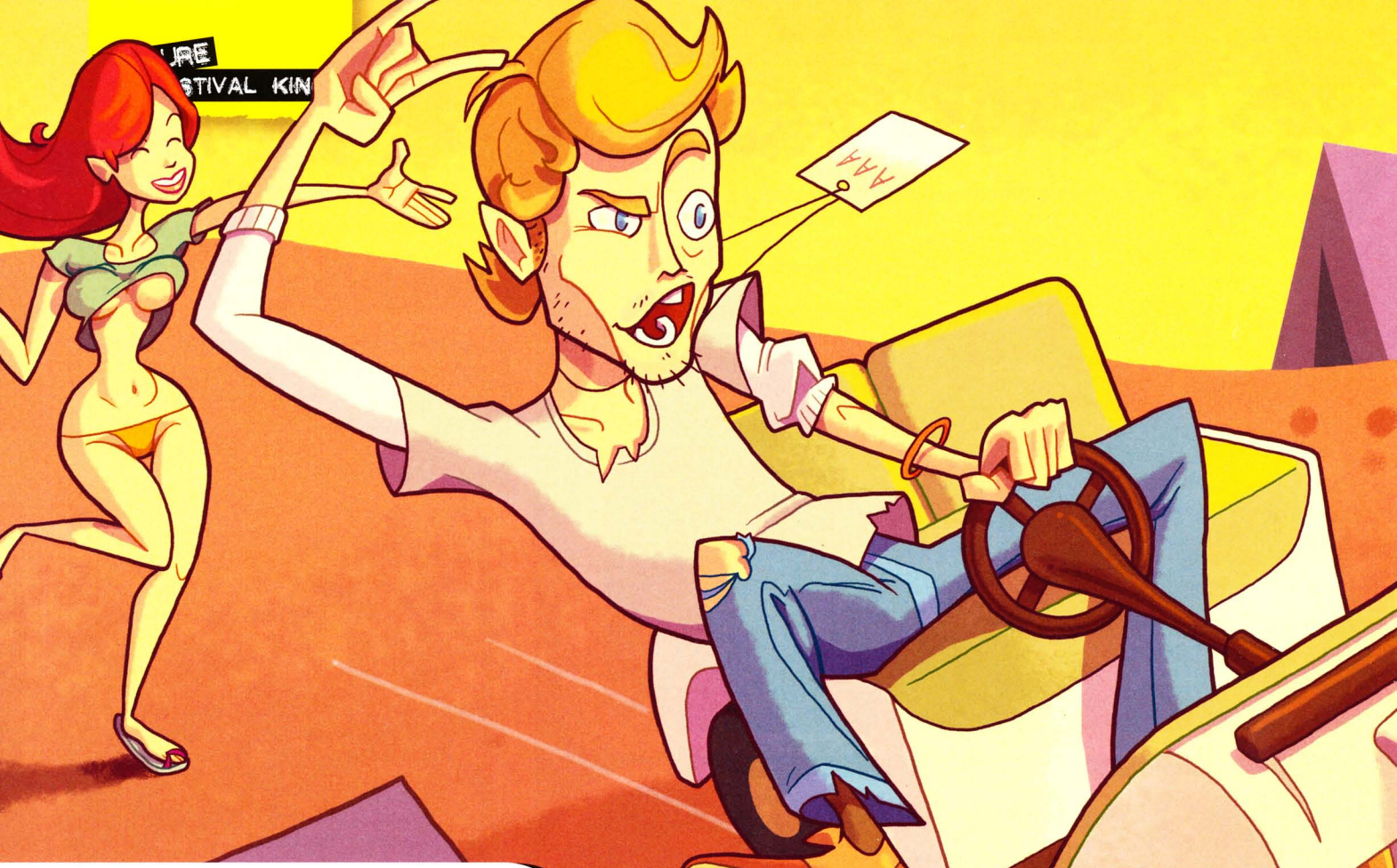
- ☐ **Piss into a cup or bottle while crammed in watching a band**
- ☐ **Find a Holy Grail pristine toilet (i.e. one with bog roll and that doesn't have shit sprayed on the seat and all up the walls)**
- ☐ **Christen a Holy Grail toilet (i.e. drop the bog roll into it and spray shit over the seat and all up the walls)**
- ☐ **Fall in love with a girl while in a queue for a poo**
- ☐ **Unzip your tent and stick your penis out for a lazy man piss (extra point if you receive a mysterious hand job at the same time)**
- ☐ **Spot a tent marooned by a river of piss or bubbling excrement**
- ☐ **Go for a shit in the VIP bogs (extra point if you overhear Megadeth's Dave Mustaine having a huge poo)**
- ☐ **Wipe with something that isn't toilet paper (two extra points if it proves to be better, and you start a new multi-million-pound empire)**
- ☐ **Spot a pushed-over Portaloo (lose a point and a half if you're inside it)**
- ☐ **Go for the entire weekend without passing any solids out if your arse**
- ☐ **Neck some Imodium with a bunch of mates and see whose bowels can hold out the longest**
- ☐ **Produce a horrific blackened bogey from your nose**

BRONZE AWARD: 4-6 POINTS
SILVER AWARD: 7-9 POINTS
GOLD AWARD: 10 OR MORE

LOSE YOUR MEDAL IF:
You drop your mobile down a 'long drop' bog-hole and instinctively lurch after it, causing you to tumble 15 feet into the trough of rancid poo-piss below. You clear the bum-gravy from your eyes just in time to look up and see Beth Ditto's squinting anus looming...

SPECIAL BONUS MEDALS: WHAT COLOUR IS YOUR WEE-WEE?

CLEAR	BROWN	BLUE	RED
BORINGLY SENSIBLE BUMBACLART MEDAL	IMPRESSIVELY DEHYDRATED BOOZE-LORD MEDAL	STOP EATING PILLS YOU FIND ON THE GROUND MEDAL	GO FIND THE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE PEOPLE MEDAL



BEAR GRYLLS MEDAL

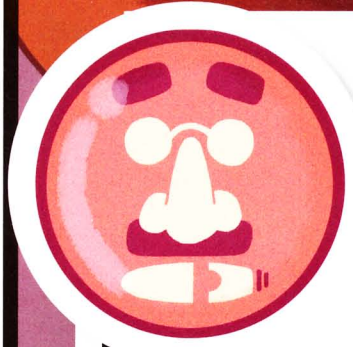
ROCKING UP WITH a rucksack full of survivalist tricks like TV's poshest made-up hard man is a surefire way to earn yourself high fives.

BRONZE AWARD
Arrive on site with nowt but a bag of Polish beer and a fist-full of dreams.

SILVER AWARD
Construct your own tent from festival detritus. Extra kudos if you use the hollowed-out, still-warm carcass of a chubby veteran metaller, with his leather jacket your castle's flag.

GOLD AWARD
Survive the entire weekend by feasting on nothing but scavenged food. Simply ask every single person you see for a crisp or chip. Quadruple kudos if you make a moving appeal for crisps over one of the stage-side screens.

LOSE YOUR MEDAL IF:
You've got a film crew following you, are super posh, and have a helicopter team standing by to rescue you if you so much as scratch your elbow or just really fancy a roast dinner with extra gravy.



CRAFTY BASTARD MEDAL

SNEAKY FESTIVAL-GOERS versus humourless security men: it's a battle of wits and wills that's been fought since the dawn of time.

BRONZE AWARD
Nick a high-vis jacket and use it to help you waltz through the main gates unchallenged.

SILVER AWARD
Get backstage or into the VIP area, ideally by claiming that you're Lars Ulrich's on-tour masseuse and he's just texted you demanding an upper-body hot-oil rubdown with a rough happy finish.

GOLD AWARD
Steal one of security's golf carts and spend the weekend being chased around the site while you play the theme from Top Gear, over and over, on your iPod.

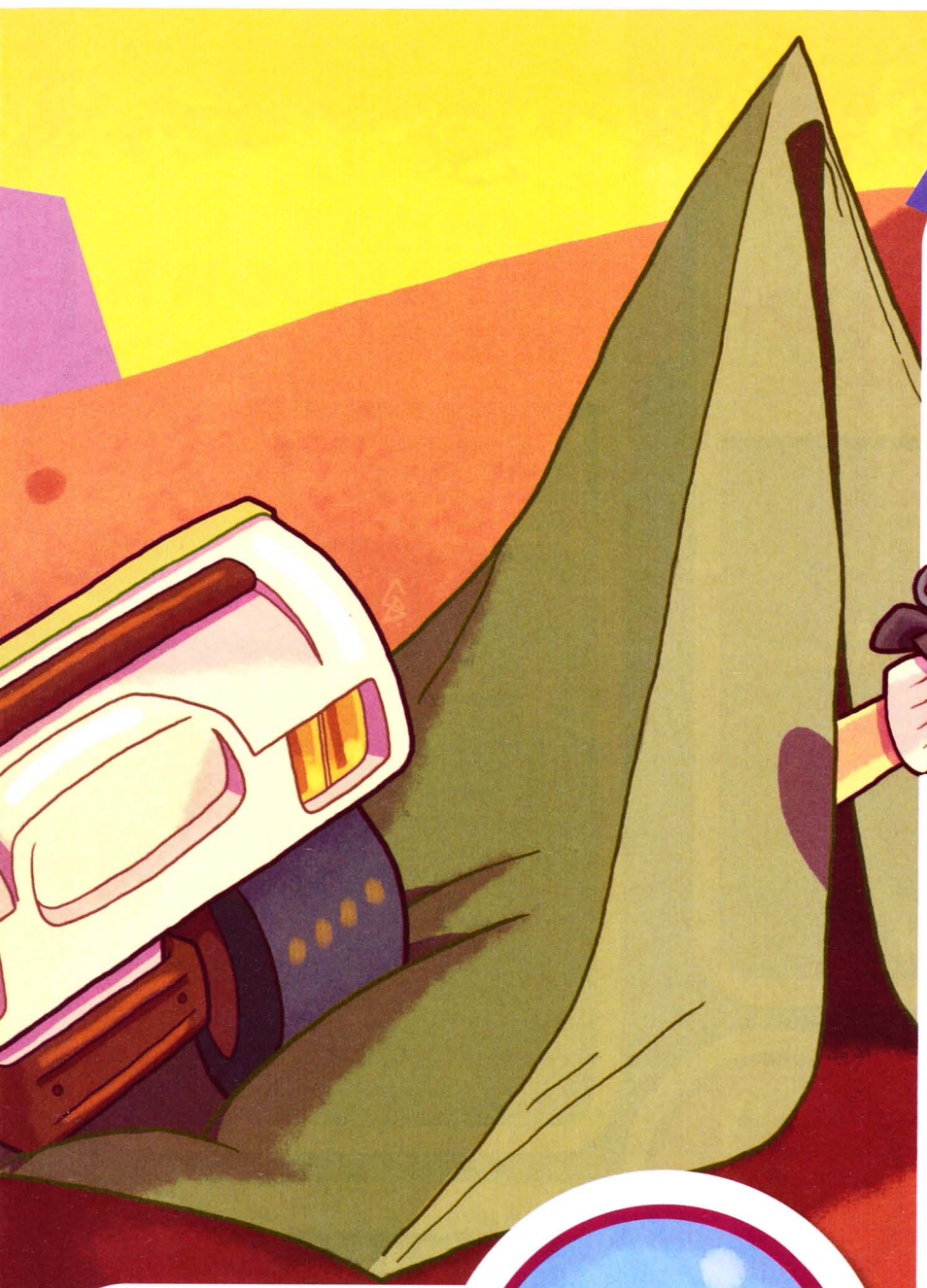
SPECIAL BONUS MEDALS: SMUGGLING SHIT

SMUGGLED IN VODKA DISGUISED AS WATER AWARD

SMUGGLED IN WEED DISGUISED AS A HAIRDO AWARD

SMUGGLED IN YOUR MATE CRAIG WILLIAMS AWARD

SMUGGLED IN A BAZOOKA MADE OF HEROIN AWARD



HEROICALLY SPANNERED MEDAL

FESTIVALS ARE ALL about getting pranged off your dick-end until brain damage sets in. Collect a point for every achievement you can rack up over a booze-drenched weekend, and exchange for a shiny medal.

- [ ] **Arrive at the gates, on day one, unspeakably drunk**
- [ ] **Drink four different types of alcohol in 24 hours**
- [ ] **Have a deep conversation with a hedge or Portaloo**
- [ ] **Brush your teeth with a spirit over 30% abv**
- [ ] **Get so friendly you acquire a nickname from strangers**
- [ ] **Get through your weekend's supply of booze on the first night**
- [ ] **Wake up in a stranger's tent. Bonus point if you're spooning**
- [ ] **Make a drunken purchase – perhaps a rabbit fur coat or wedding dress**
- [ ] **Be sick into or onto something which isn't a toilet or floor**
- [ ] **See no bands (a point for each day of drunken no-band oblivion)**
- [ ] **Invent a drink, ideally combining a food stuff and strong boozes**
- [ ] **Flirt with someone, regardless of age or sex, to get a freebie drink**
- [ ] **Fall off something that would easily kill you if you weren't so drunkenly supple**
- [ ] **Cover yourself in Turborg cups and claim you're an official brand ambassador with a thirst-on**

BRONZE AWARD: 4-6 POINTS
SILVER AWARD: 7-9 POINTS
GOLD AWARD: 10 OR MORE

LOSE YOUR MEDAL IF:

You snort a couple of lines of crushed-up Extra Strong Mints, and come round a week later, naked and shivering with a sore bum, on a cargo ferry bound for Holland.

SPOT A CELEB MEDAL

A FESTIVAL will attract more celebs than a charity cocaine-auction for AIDS-chimps. Keep your eyes peeled and your autograph pen uncapped!

BRONZE AWARD

For spotting a member of the Hollyoaks cast. Chester's finest/fittest/shittest are always all over the festival season like blonde mice on glittery cheese. Tip: look out for Michaela McQueen sicking up noodles in the cider tent.

SILVER AWARD

For spying an enthusiastic and toothy T4 presenter with film crew in tow. Extra kudos if you manage to pull a spread-buttocked moony in the background while Rick Edwards interviews Tinchy Stryder.

GOLD AWARD

For catching a glimpse of a bona fide A-lister. If you spot Adrian Chiles gurning like a bummed pig to Enter Shikari, make sure you get a pic on your phone before some burly ITV handlers drag him off to some secret rehab.

JADED VETERAN MEDAL

NOTHING SAYS "Stand back everyone, Mister Cool is here!" like swanning around a festival yawning, shrugging and tutting at enthusiasm.

BRONZE AWARD
Moan to everyone about the increasing commercialisation of "sell-out" festivals – as you plug in your iPhone at the Carphone Warehouse Recharge Marquee™.

SILVER AWARD
While watching a band own the main stage, mention to the person next to you that they were, like, *waaaaay* better when you saw them in the Newbie Virgins Mini Tent in '03.

GOLD AWARD
Don't even go to the festival: just stay in a hotel three miles down the road, sneerily watching the event unfold on TV as you hoover up lines of gak off an unconscious ladyboy's forehead.

SUNDAY BREAKDOWN MEDAL

AROUND SUNDAY TEATIME, even the most hardened festival nut gets that urge to crawl into their own bed. But how will your mini-breakdown manifest itself?

BRONZE AWARD
Dramatically slump to the ground, tearfully telling your friends to go on without you, you're just going to let death's clammy embrace take hold.

SILVER AWARD
Go to a beer tent, order a pint of bleach, tell the server to "Watch me, Daddy!" and then do a clumsy forward roll.

GOLD AWARD
Become convinced that you're Jesus, crashing through the temple and overturning the money-lenders' tables (in reality, you're stomping around knocking bemused strangers' beers out of their hands).

DESTROY SOMETHING MEDAL

FESTIVALS BRING out the idiotic, bum-brained caveman in us all. Expect to leave that site on Monday morning with an epic trail smouldering behind you.

BRONZE AWARD
Destroy at least one item of clothing. Aim to be shuffling home in just one welly and your sleeping bag.

SILVER AWARD
Destroy your tent, ideally while attempting to pitch it after spending 12 hours in the White Lightning Fuck-Me-Sideways Tent. Also valid: smashing it by walking through the fucker like Godzilla at 4am.

GOLD AWARD
Destroy every relationship you hold dear. Come Monday, nobody you came with should be talking to you, and your parents will have disowned you after you phoned them at 5am on Sunday and yelled obscenities at them in a Texan accent for two hours.

SPECIAL BONUS MEDALS: ARTY SHIT

WRITE 'JUMBO PAEDO' ON YOUR MATE'S FACE IN INDELIBLE INK

COLOUR IN ALL BUT ONE OF THEIR TEETH

CAKE THEM IN FULL-ON TRANNIE MAKE-UP

PILE SHIT ON THEM UNTIL THEY CAN NO LONGER FEEL THEIR LEGS. AMPUTATE ONE OF THEIR FINGERS AND HIDE IT UP THEIR ANUS

FESTIVAL BULLSHIT MEDAL

FESTIVALS ARE ALWAYS rife with rumours. Grab a medal or two by spreading one of these porky pies...

BRONZE AWARD
"David Hasselhoff has died in a freak hang gliding accident. All bands will be sporting perms and swimming shorts in tribute."

SILVER AWARD
"Dude, Nirvana are reforming to headline on Sunday night. Kurt's vocal duties will be handled by Nickelback's always-superb Chad Kroeger."

GOLD AWARD
"A huge nuclear device has been detonated in Birmingham. A vast cloud of radioactive fallout is heading this way. Soon this entire festival will be a nightmarish hell-hole of panic, as blinded survivors choke up their innards."

ARE YOU THE KING?

SO HOW DID YOUR festival go? Are you fit to wear the shiny crown of awesomeness, or are you a lowly peasant with a musty stench of failure surrounding them?

NO AWARDS: LOWLY PEASANT

Jesus H Christ, that's poor. Consider yourself barred from all large-scale live events held in the United Kingdom for the next three years.

MOSTLY BRONZE AWARDS: DUKE OF GOOD TIMES

Not bad, not bad – you've had a pretty good festival, although you might want to get a bit more imaginative in future. Why not try spending the next one dressed as Hitler and dealing crystal meth?

MOSTLY SILVER AWARDS: PRINCE OF BOOZY TOWN

Oooh, so close! But look on the bright side: you've engaged in some terrible behaviour, you've got a couple of lively infections, and you've blown three months' rent. You can't put a price on that.

MOSTLY GOLD AWARDS: YOU ARE KING

Yessss! You are officially festival-ruling royalty! Your demented exploits are already the stuff of legend. On your way out of the festival you'll receive a standing ovation, and next year they'll re-name the main stage after you. ALL HAIL THE KING!

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TAKE A SNEAK PEEK ROUND BLOOD BROTHERS' STUDIO, AND WITNESS THE SEXIEST MARRIAGE OF TATTOO AND SKIN SINCE CAPTAIN JAMES McBUFF-TITS OF THE HMS FRUITY INKED-UP HIS WIFE'S HEAVING BOSOM...

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WHY HELLO, VIKKI. WHAT'S GOING DOWN?

Hello! Loads of exciting stuff, by the looks of it. We're having quite a bit of fun playing around a tattoo studio, which isn't something you get to do every day, I guess

TRUE DAT. BIG FAN OF INK, AREN'T YOU?

I am, yeah, even though I've not really had much done recently. When tattoos are good, they're the sexiest thing ever. That's one ace thing about summer: you get to perv on people's tattoos.

YOU MUST GET DUDES WAVING THEIR INKY FLESH AT YOU LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTRE, NO?

[Laughs] A lot of the dudes where I'm from in Essex have tribal stuff that they always try to impress girls with. It'll be winter and they'll be wearing shorts to be all, 'Hey, I have leg tattoos...'

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A HUNKY GUY – SAY, BEPPE DI MARCO FROM EASTENDERS – CAME ONTO YOU, BUT THEN YOU NOTICED HE HAD A SHIT TATTOO?

[Laughs] He hasn't been on EastEnders for years, has he? I don't think he's my type, tattoo or not. I'm sure he'll be crying himself to sleep when he reads this. ▶

"When tattoos are good, they're the sexiest thing ever"

"I have an in-built jerk-off radar. It's my

awesome super-human skill"

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"One ace thing about summer: You get to perv on people's tattoos"

WE'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND. SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW WITH YOU?

Ah, just the usual bumming around. I'm gutted that I couldn't make it to Download, but I'm looking forward to tearing stuff up at Sonisphere. I got to go to Secret Garden, which is the most beautiful, funnest festival on Earth, with no nasty chicken burger vans.

WHOA, THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT... SHOULDN'T FESTIVALS BE ABOUT FIRE AND PEOPLE BEING SICK ON EACH OTHER?

Oh no, no. There's lots of fire and stuff, but not so much of the vomit. That's kinda gross. I'm proper looking forward to tearing it up to Rammstein this summer. I saw them recently and it was the best show ever.

STRONG WORK. SO DO YOU HAVE ANY FESTIVAL SCHMOOZING ADVICE FOR US?

Yeah, a lot of hot people go to festivals so they're normally hotbeds of sexual activity. My advice would be to get proper wasted, and get so hot that you have to take all your clothes off. That'd be a good start.

SWEET. WE HEAR YOU GOT INKED UP AT DOWNLOAD ONCE. WOULD YOU RECOMMEND IT?

I got my ankle tattoo at Download last year, but the guy was so fucked. He asked me about five times what I wanted while he was doing it. He was giving them out free, so I took full advantage.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GETTING DRUNK AND HAVING, SAY, A LIFESIZE PORTRAIT OF TIMMY MALLETT DONE?

[Laughs] Is he that annoying dick? I wouldn't recommend that, but ▶

"If a dude got a pair of detailed boobs tattooed on his chest, I'd be kinda

impressed in a strange way”

I think it's acceptable to a certain extent to get tattooed when you're completely fucked.

GIVEN THE CHOICE, WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE TATTOOS DONE BY OUR MATE SHAKY PHIL, OR OUR PAL HEPATITIS JOHN?

[Laughs] Tough one, and a pretty weird one, but I would say Shaky Phil. You might get a really shit tattoo out of it, but at least you wouldn't get diseased. I hope these people aren't real...

ONLY TO US. SO WHAT'S A GUY GOTTA GET DONE TO IMPRESS AN INK-LOVING GAL LIKE YOU?

If a dude got a pair of really, really detailed boobs tattooed on his chest, I'd be kinda impressed in a strange way. [Laughs] Could you get away with that? Actually, I'm not so sure I should be encouraging people to do that. Ah, whatever. ▶

"I saw Rammstein and it was the best show ever"

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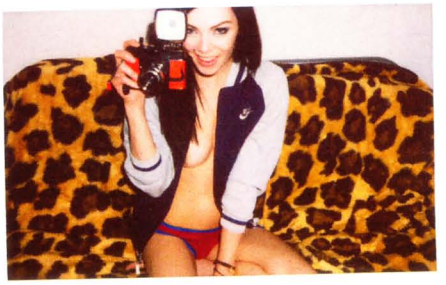

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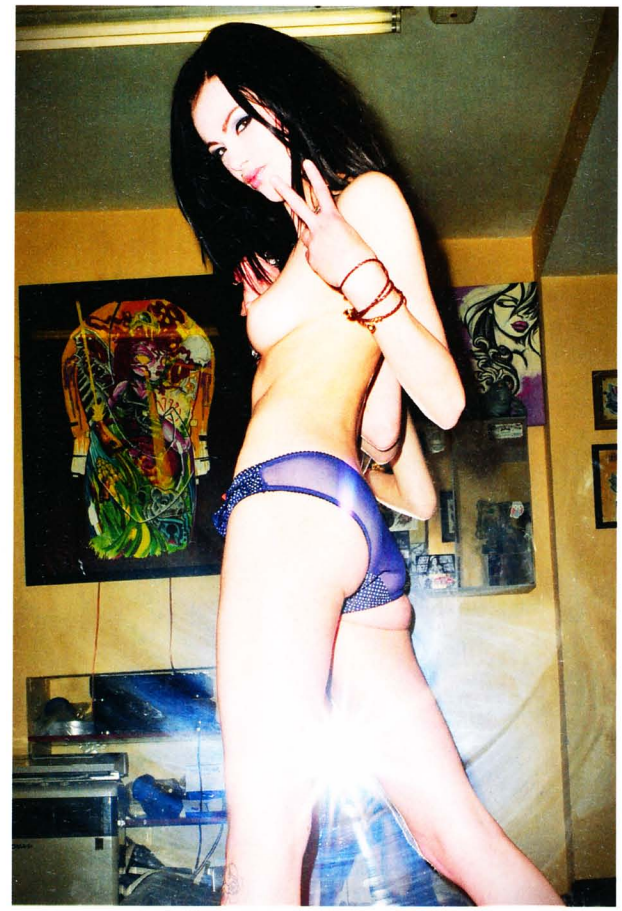

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WE HEAR YOU, ONE INKY-TITS COMING RIGHT UP. IN SERIOUSNESS, HAS ANYONE EVER DONE 'OWT THAT WEIRD TO IMPRESS YOU?

Hmm, no one's done anything too shocking to get in my pants. I have an in-built jerk-off radar. It's my awesome super-human skill.

A MATE OF OURS FREQUENTLY ATTEMPTS TO CHAT UP WOMEN BY SAYING, 'CAN YOU HOLD MY PINT WHILE I GO FOR A SHIT?' WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU GIVE THIS DUNCE?

[Laughs] I quite like that! He wouldn't get anywhere, but I'd talk to him at least.

FINALLY, A DILEMMA. YOU'VE JUST HAD A FULL SLEEVE DONE WHEN LLOYDS TSB OFFER YOU A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME JOB. WHAT D'YOU DO?

You'd just have to live your life in regret, I'm afraid. Or you could just wear bandages every day and say you have no skin. **FRONT**

FOR TATTOO VIRGINS, INKY PROS AND CURIOUS ONLOOKERS ALIKE...

The world's gone and gotten one big – and possibly painfully coloured-in – boner for all-things tattoo. Sexy Alt Girls, pesky pirates, screamy dudes in bands... even Scott from Costcutter has had a sick sleeve done.

There's never really been a better time, then, to take a step back and find out what the frig it all means. Planning on having work done, but don't want to look like a dick? Well fear not, sweet features, cos we've gathered the people in the know to talk us through the process and tell us what means what.

If you're not smug enough to challenge Lord Ink Of Tattootown's knowledge by the end of this, then, damn it, there's just no teaching you...

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FYI

- **It was Australia-bumming explorer Captain Cook who first brought tattoo culture from shit-scary tribal nut-bars to the Western folk back home, with the actual word tattoo apparently showing up in 1777.**
- Winston Churchill had a sturdy anchor on his arm from his navy days. Still, though, back in the 1930s and '40s it was normally only prozzies, randy sailors and wrong'uns who had ink.
- **Special thanks should go to Thomas 'I madez a light bulb' Edison for creating the first prototype tattoo machine back in 1876.**

Seth Wood

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TRADITIONAL

THE STYLE: Big-ass, bold motifs, as made popular by roaming sailor types and boys in bands.

ORIGINS: They hark back to the days when sailors used to 'collect' tattoos from the ports and countries they had visited, reflecting their life at sea. As they mostly came about through the shitty First and Second World War days, traditionally eagles, pin-ups, anchors and hearts were the order of the day.

NOWADAYS: Trad tattoos have grown into bigger, more involved pieces and spawned their own 'neo traditional' styley. They've become full of more colours and subjects that aren't necessarily traditional, but reflective of your lifestyle. Like, er, a saxophone or a bottle of gin.

AS SEEN ON... Dudes in bands. Their recent resurgence has made them über-popular with the young-as-fuck and the happy-go-moshing scene kids.

DIFFICULTY RATING: Beware! These buggers can be seen from across a room full of people, but they are very hard to get right and pretty easy to fuck up.

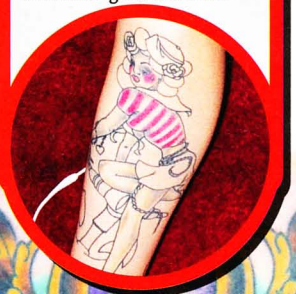
Chad Koeplinger

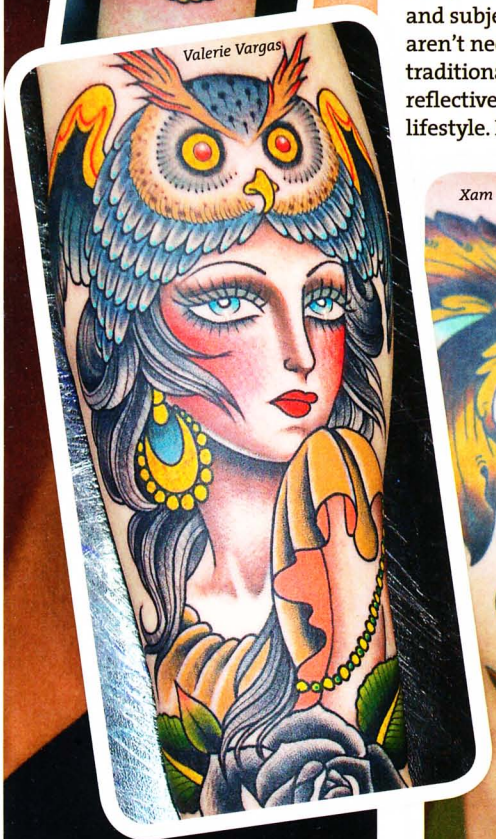
Stefano C

LIFE IN INK

VIKKI BLOWS

FAYLA GIRL... "I just really like pin-up girls, so I thought it would be a good one. I like the style of it and I like anchors so I thought I would just mix it all in. Plus, she's crying, which I think is nice. She's got a little tear."




Valerie Vargas

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CLASSIC INK

SWALLOWS: Burly sailor types got swallows to remember home, as these were the first birds they'd see on their way to dry land, the randy homesick buggers.

ANCHORS: Spinach-bumming brute Popeye has one, and he's hard as fuck. But that's not to say the anchor represents nutters, but more likely the strength of holding a boat in place during an effin' hectic storm.

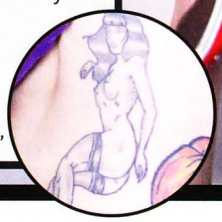
LIFE IN INK
ALEX SIM-WISE

BAD GIRL "This was done by a guy called Bert Krak at a tattoo convention and is an old-school heart and dagger with 'bad girl' written across it. I literally had about five seconds to decide what I wanted written in it. My uncle, who was a biker with some random biro tattoos, told me that 'only bad girls and boys get tattooed' and it must have stuck."

SAD FACE "I have this on the back of my neck, which was the culmination of watching too much Arby 'N' The Chief and Miami Ink with my friends. We all got it done on the basis of it's how Stephen Hawking would say an emoticon."

PIN-UP GIRL "I got a pin-up on my hip based on some artwork that I found in a book of Kustom Hot Rod art. I got it done on London Ink by Dan Gold and I'm really happy with it. People always ask if it's me because of the red hair, but that wasn't the intention. I just liked her tits."

BETTIE PAGE "This was my first tattoo. Knowing nothing about tattoos at the time, I didn't plan where to get it done and it looks a bit shoddy now. She has claws."



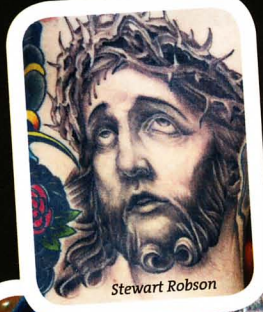
Lal Hardy

TRIBAL

THE STYLE: Tribal can be anything from a small black shape to a full moko, a facial tattoo from New Zealand.
ORIGINS: We have indigenous tribes from around the world to thank for these: think Borneo, New Zealand and Australia.
NOWADAYS: LA Tattoo ledge Leo Zulueta almost single-handedly brought us these with his traditional tribal work with a modern twist to them. Check out *myspace.com/spiraltattoo* to see more.
AS SEEN ON... They're still used to mark rites of passage and sometimes serve as a symbol of marriage and stuff. In mainstream culture, they're popular too, especially after Dusk Till Dawn.
DIFFICULTY RATING: You'll find it quite hard to get decent tribal that follows the shape of your handsome turkey-tits and beefy legs.

BLACK AND WHITE

THE STYLE: Anything that uses a blend of black work combined with shades of grey to produce a spookily realistic image.
ORIGINS: Ever popular as a rememberence of a loved one or wee nipper, the scarily-futuristic advancements in machines and needles has made it even easier for artists to full-on properly render a photograph.
NOWADAYS: More and more people are coming into tattooing from arty backgrounds, bringing their fancy portrait-doing skills to the profession. Proper works of art, y'know.
AS SEEN ON... Anyone who's anyone, but particularly popular in the stalking community. You should see our tattoo of the Hollyoaks cast.
DIFFICULTY RATING: Balls-to-the-wall hard to get right, and fairly pricey, too. It's not just a matter of tracing a Google image, like.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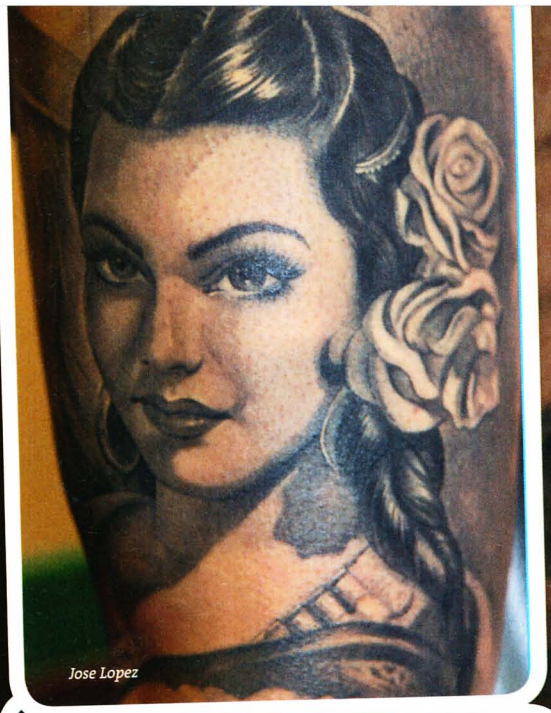

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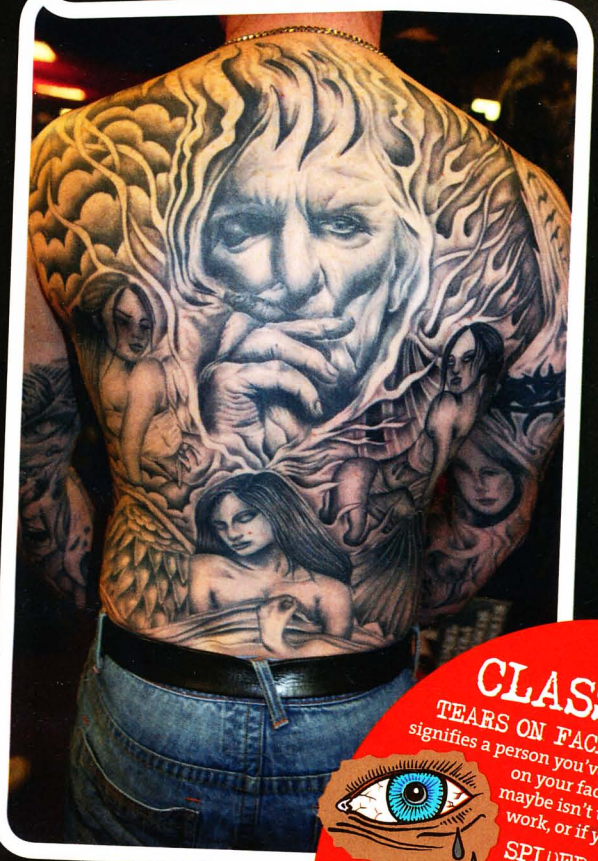


CLASSIC INK

TEARS ON FACES: Traditionally, each tear signifies a person you've done a kill on. Getting them on your face is pretty hardcore too, and maybe isn't the best idea for your first bit o' work, or if you want to join a church group.

SPIDER WEBS: Aside from trespassing round the Criminal Records office, you can tell how long someone's been in the slammer for by their spidey-web. In Russia, it is often put between the thumb and index finger, but can be found on the necks and elbows of other naughty shits round the world.

PIN-UPS: We've got horny armed-forces types to thank for these little babes – although it presents us with awkward images of a burly soldier monking one out over his own forearm.

LIFE IN INK

VIKKI BLOWS

LOVE CAT "Me and my friend are the biggest Cure fans, but we didn't want to just get 'love cat', because that's a bit gay. So we got a heart and a cat, which is still quite gay, but slightly better. It's kind of cute, I guess."

Troy Denning

Mike Rubendall

JAPANESE

THE STYLE: Often large, big-ass colourful and symbolic tattoos. A lot of it's supposed to mean stuff like 'long life' or 'good health' or 'hairy willy'. We may have made one of those up.

ORIGINS: This impressive shit goes back yonders (like, to around the year 300AD, man!) when criminals used to get tattooed with their crimes on their for'eads. Later, tattooing was outlawed for the pauper-buggers and only rich bastards were allowed to get tattooed.

NOWADAYS: In Japan, they're still seen as a connection with crims and tattooed folk are not allowed in some public baths and steam rooms, which is a bit tight. Some Japanese artists still use the traditional (and pretty effin' painful) hand-poke tools to do the work, but many Westerners prefer to use modern machines.

AS SEEN ON... The modern tattooing scene has really lapped this stuff up, and it's evolved into one of the all-round top styles to get. The variation is pretty awesome, too, from subtle dragons and cherry blossoms to full 'bodysuits' covering balls, buttocks and all sorts.

DIFFICULTY RATING: It's all pretty shitting complex and difficult to flow right with the body, but it's the historical meanings that might see you fall flat on your tits. Do your research, f'sure.

CLASSIC INK

DRAGONS: There's a dick-load of meanings behind them, from protection to the four elements. It could also be that dragons are just, y'know, cool.

KOI: These massive fish represent long life, as the bastards live for ages. They're also mega brave, swimming up waterfalls and whatnot and telling fishermen to get fucked.

DAGGER & ROSE: This little number will represent your soft side and your hard-as-nails side, you Jekyll and Hyde bastard. These have become some of the most popular old-skool flash images to get, especially in chest-pieces.

THINK BEFORE YOU INK

FIRST TIMER, EH? FEAR NOT – WE'VE ASKED KNOW-ALL TATTOO ARTISTS, A LEGENDARY PHOTOGRAPHER AND SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE INKED UP PEOPLES TO TALK YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS

1 "BUCK UP YOUR IDEAS"

SAYS TOP TATTOO PHOTOGRAPHER CRAIG BURTON, WHO SNAPS THE LIKES OF GALLOWS

"Don't wing it. If it's your first tattoo, have a solid idea and arm yourself with reference pictures to chat about with the artist. Collect lots of images you like so the artist can get it right for you and produce something you can enjoy."

2 "DO SOME RESEARCH"

SAYS OFF-THE-CHAIN BMXER JAMES SMITH

"Most tattooists use MySpace to show off their portfolios, so it's super easy to spend hours clicking through photos of their work. I followed this one artist for about a year, checking out his photo updates, and booked myself in after liking what I saw. Conventions are a great way of networking with international artists, too, and give you the chance to get some rare styles of ink."

NEW SCHOOL

Mike at Blood Brothers

Mike at Blood Brothers

THE STYLE: Big colour works, fat-ass outlines and wacky graphics are the order of the day with these bad boys, which are often a little out of the inky ordinary from the established styles.

THE ORIGINS: When loopy artists from the '80s and '90s began bumming each other's work, a whole scene emerged, and everyone became influenced and encouraged to create bold colour work. Basically a big arty circle-jerk.

NOWADAYS: The likes of Bring Me The Horizon and co have made quirky stylings like this proper sought after in certain music scenes, but dudes from all walks of life are getting more and more creative with their shit. You're only limited by your twisted imagination as to what can be done with new school.

DIFFICULTY RATING: These should hold up against the tides of time, what with being bold and chunky in appearance. You'll be one cool old bastard with one of these – even if your ballsack's as wrinkly as a walnut whip, you'll still look the bee's knees.

myspace.com/bloodbrotherstattooltd

Wez at Blood Brothers

Mike at Blood Brothers

Johanna at Blood Brothers

Wez at Blood Brothers

JJ at Blood Brothers

CLASSIC INK

NAUTICAL STARS: Back in the olden days, travellers used to use the stars to navigate around, so having these on your body signifies protection and guidance, and is a super common tattoo these days.

PIG AND CHICKEN: When seafolk sank their boats, the cargo of animals was the only thing that would float, so having a pig and chicken tattoo was a suspicious-balled way of warding off shitty storms.

Horiyoshi III

Horiyoshi III

3 "ASK QUESTIONS"

EDITOR OF TATTOO MAG SKIN DEEP NEIL DALLEYWATER ON THE TOP THINGS TO ASK – AND NOT ASK – YOUR POTENTIAL ARTIST

DO

"HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?"
Busier shops are busy for a reason. A waiting list is good news, and if everyone is sitting around scratching their knob-sacks, ask yourself why more people aren't in there getting work done.

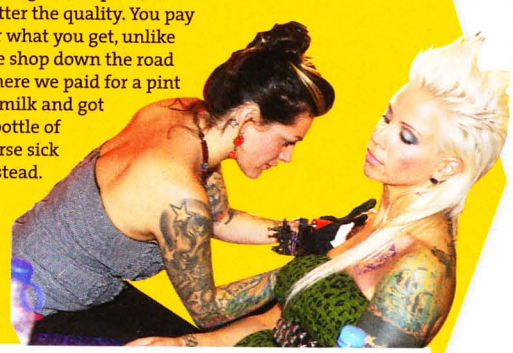
"WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?"
If you're shitting yourself, fear not. The artist had his first tattoo done once too, and would rather you knew what was coming than have you pissing on his expensive seat because of all the nerves you've bottled up.

"HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO BE?"
Turning up short of cash won't be too fun. Depending on the size and time it'll take, the price will have been given to you at the consultation. Having a big meaty guy chasing you to the bank with needles is a shitty way to end your day.

DON'T

"IS THIS SHIT GONNA REALLY HURT?"
This is like asking how pink lady-tits are: it's different for everyone. 'Ard nuts have higher pain thresholds, and little girly-pants don't. They won't be able to tell you, like.

"CAN I HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNT?"
Never haggle. Usually, the higher the price, the better the quality. You pay for what you get, unlike the shop down the road where we paid for a pint of milk and got a bottle of horse sick instead.



IN THE STUDIO

TATTOO LEDGE STEFANO C TAKES US THROUGH THE GUTS OF A TATTOO STUDIO, AND TELLS US WHAT THE BLOODY HELL THEY DO

WALL ART

"Lots of tattoos are based on religious stuff, and I guess this provides inspiration, but also just a nice environment to work in. Other strange stuff just appears and stays around, and is there to make it more interesting for the customer. I'd hate to go into a shop with white walls and no paintings."

INK

"There are different qualities to each type of ink, and each artist has their own preference. After your appointment, you need to look after it. Don't get it in the sun, and keep it clean. Many people think you can't shower or bathe, but that's not true. Just don't knock it, or the ink will fall out."

TATTOO MACHINE

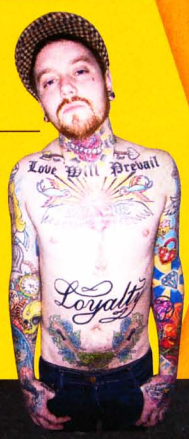
"The process has stayed the same for ages, so the machine itself hasn't needed to change. There are different machines for different jobs, and, just like the inks, it is totally up to the preference of the artist as to which one they use."

PORTFOLIOS

"How can a customer trust you if you can't show them previous work? You need to see one to make sure the tattooist isn't plain bullshit. The book is the reputation, and represents the artist. Simple."

4 "SPEAK YO' MIND"

SAYS TATTOOED METALLER CHARLIE FROM HEART IN HAND



"Don't be afraid to tell the artist that you're not keen on the design they've drawn up. No tattooist will push you away – after all, it's their job and you'll have it for life. It'll usually take 20 minutes to get a quote for your tattoo, usually ranging from £60 to £120 per hour. Most importantly, bounce ideas off one another to get the best results for the both of you."

5 "MEET YOUR MARKER"

SAYS PRETTY FRONT GIRL EL WOOD

"I didn't take anyone to the studio the first time because I'm pretty good with pain, but don't worry if you are nervous. When I walked in, the artist was a bit geeky, but in a cool way. All tattooists are laid back, so meeting them is nothing to get too stressed over. But I wouldn't bother going in and asking for your girlfriend or boyfriend's name. It makes you look a complete dick."

6 IN THE SHOP

LAL HARDY, ONE OF THE UK'S MOST RESPECTED ARTISTS, HAS SOME HANDY T-DAY ADVICE

● WHAT TO WEAR

"Don't wear white on the day of your tattoo. There will be blood, and a lot of ink, so you'll stain it."

● WHAT TO EAT

"Bring food with you, because it will be a long process, but if you're feeling bad, always ask for a break."

● SOBER UP, MAN

"We won't work on you if you're fucked-up, and I've only ever thrown people out of my studio for having a bad attitude, being racist, and farting near me."

THE TATTOOIST

"The common perception is that tattooists need to have check shirts and long beards. Nah, they don't. Everyone's tattooing these days. Luckily for me, I had the right people to guide me from the start, for which I'm really grateful, but the artist will never stop learning. Every artist has his own style, so it is important to research your tattooist to make sure they fit in with what you want."

LIFE IN INK

EL WOOD

"I chose to get these butterflies as I used to see them flying in my garden as a kid. It was the first proper tattoo that I got, and it really didn't hurt at all. It did vibrate through my collarbone, but instead of pain I just got impatient as it took about eight hours to complete."

MIRRORS:

"This is important to get the right positioning and size of a tattoo, and for the customer to like it 100 per cent. We provide a service, so if it's not right we'll be happy to change it before we ink it."

CHAIR

"Obviously, this is for the comfort of the customer, but in reality we can tattoo anywhere, even just on the floor."

FLASH ARTWORK

"Like the portfolio, flash is what represents the shop. I enjoy creating flash, but also see it as a study as you can experiment with colours, shading, and everything else. It's an exercise. Everybody has their own flash. They end up as ideas that can go on the shop wall to give the customer an idea for what they want."

AUTOCLAVE

"If you don't have one, you don't open the shop. There's no alternative. It kills the germs, sterilizes our equipment and makes the tattooing process safe for the customer. It's legally required to be fully functioning at all times."

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FRONT Style

BECAUSE LIFE'S TOO SHORT FOR SHIT THREADS

INTRODUCING...

MILKCRATE ATHLETIC

These ace tees come fresh from the awesome New York-based brand Milkcrate Athletics. The label's the brainchild of Baltimore's multi-tasker extraordinaire Aaron LaCrate, who's also produced and remixed artists from Madonna to Lily Allen to The Cool Kids.

£30, from *milkcratenyc.com*

FYI

Aaron helped Jay-Z get his Roc-A-Fella Records label off the ground, even working with the big man on his classic debut album, Reasonable Doubt.

FACT
The Aertex brand was founded the same year Van Gogh cut his ear off – 1888.

AERTEX

Short-sleeve shirts are a must this season – rock one of these with cut-off denim shorts and a pair of Vans Authentics for the perfect summer look.
£40, from *aertex.com*

NIKE SB X SKATE MENTAL

This old-school camping pack was designed for Nike SB by ace skate brand Skate Mental and includes a suede base, padded straps and a fleece blanket.
£50, from *flatspot.com*

PERFECT FOR FESTIVALS

STEREO PANDA

The French brand have an insane amount of eye-janglingly bright and colourful designs. References to retro films and classic cartoons set these guys apart from the run of the mill.
£30, from *stereopanda.com*

THE HUNDREDS

An essential part of your wardrobe and suitcase, these Hundreds flip-flops will pretty up your feet no end.
£15, from *urbanindustry.co.uk*

HOLIDAY THREADS

FIRETRAP

These watches from all-rounders Firetrap come in three equally sexy finishes.
£80, from *firetrap.com*

MACBETH

Black and gold is a tidy colourway for pretty much anything, and these Eliots by MacBeth are no exception to the rule.
£50, from *macbethshop.com*

VINTAGE LEVI'S

The iconic 201s get a limited edition re-release this month, over one hundred years after first hugging the balls of people.
£85, from *levi.com*

The incredible PROFESSOR GREEN

PHOTOGRAPHY: STEVE NEAVES **STYLING:** WILL BARNES
CO-ORDINATOR: HAYLEY FORESTER **HAIR & MAKEUP:** NICOLA HAFFENDEN

LOVED BY MILLIONS, ADORED BY LILY ALLEN AND STABBED IN A NIGHTCLUB BY A BASTARD, THE 26-YEAR-OLD LONDON RAPPER IS FINALLY WORKING HIS MAGIC ON THE CHARTS. WE SNUGGLED UP TO FIND OUT HOW...

PROFESSOR GREEN, HOW'S TRICKS? OR SHOULD THAT BE, HOW'S MAGIC TRICKS? YEAH!

[Laughs] Erm, interesting, thanks. I've had to crawl through cardboard boxes to get this magician thing going on. The only magic trick I can normally do is being able to make a bottle of vodka disappear...

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING THE OL' MAGIC ON THE CHARTS, TOO...

Yeah, man, it's been mental. It's just a really great time for credible British pop. People are sick of being spoon-fed the same old shit music, I guess. There's been years of the same stuff being churned out, and I think it's helped that I bring some spontaneity and humour to my music. But, yeah, a lot has changed over the last few months.

THE LIKES OF PLAN B ARE ALSO CAUSING A STIR – DOES IT BRING A TEAR TO YOUR EYE TO SEE YOUR BUDDIES DOING GOOD?

Plan B's a good mate of mine, so it's great to see him and Example doing so well. We were all around at the same time before and now we've all come back and have done what was expected of us before.

One man show

WHO HE?
STARTED OUT: 2002
FROM: East London
CHECK OUT: professorgreen.co.uk

Hoodie £110, from *stussy.com*
T-shirt £35, from *iamatrapstar.com*
Cap £30, from *stussy.com*

WELL, NOW YOU MENTION IT, YOU *HAVE* BEEN AROUND FOR A FAIR WHILE NOW. DID IT EVER FEEL LIKE YOU JUST WEREN'T COMMERCIALLY VIABLE?

No, and that's down to sheer blind stupidity, I think. I always just assumed I'd make it, and just kept nudging away at everything. I'm that kinda guy, really, where if I want something I'll just persist until I get it.

LIKE THAT WITH THE LADIES TOO, ARE WE?

Oh yeah, although not to the point of harassment. [Laughs] Nah, I'm not one of those guys who's loud and over the top and uses cheesy chat-up lines. I just talk to girls and am nice to them. That works a charm.

Standing:
Shirt £75, from *second-son.com*
Trainers £90, from *nikesportswear.com*

Lying:
Hoodie £110, from *stussy.com*
Jeans £85, from *second-son.com*
Air Max 90 Trainers £90, from *nikesportswear.com*

"THE ONLY MAGIC TRICK I CAN DO IS BEING ABLE TO MAKE VODKA DISAPPEAR"

YOU SAMPLED THE LEGENDARY INXS FOR YOUR FIRST SINGLE OFF THE ALBUM. BUT HAVE YOU EVER HAD A SEX ACT GO AWRY ALA MICHAEL HUTCHENCE?

Well, not to his extent, obviously, cos I'm still alive, but I did once have an unfortunate incident with my private parts and some chillies. It's not exactly a sex act, but I was chopping some chillies and forgot to wash my hands. I went to the toilet and had the most unbelievable sensation you could imagine.

CHOPPING CHILLIES SOUNDS LIKE A BIT OF A BIZARRE EUPHEMISM – IS THERE MORE TO THIS STORY THAN MEETS THE EYE?

[Laughs] It was nice at first, but then it was *agony*. I'd suggest you get your kicks elsewhere.

YOU'VE GOT 'LUCKY' TATTOOED ON YOUR NECK. WERE YOU BORN LUCKY?

Not at all – it's because I used to be a very pessimistic person and have a very negative outlook on life. Everything was so bad and so shit, but I started to think how there are people who go through far worse, and after everything I went through I'm still here. So I was marking my moment of optimism by getting 'Lucky' tattooed. Then, two weeks later, I was stabbed in the neck. The tattoo has a lot more meaning now. ▶

THAT'S SOME BRUTAL SHIT...

I'm still here. It was funny, cos when I came out of surgery I said to the surgeon, "Thank you for putting my tattoo back together so well," and he said, "Well, thank you for having the tattoo, so I knew where everything was supposed to go."

LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING MORE CHEERY. YOU'VE JUST DONE A COLLAB WITH LILY ALLEN – WHAT DOES SHE SMELL LIKE? MARSHMALLOWS, WE ASSUME?

She smells like porridge. [Laughs] She's cool – she's always witty, she's always smart, and she's always funny. I owe a lot to that girl.

WHAT'S BEEN YOUR WORST FASHION FUCK UP?

Wearing tracksuits that were clearly too big for me. I was, like, 20 or so. No oversized T-shirts for me again. Only Americans can pull that off.

WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT BETWEEN YOU, PROFESSOR STEPHEN HAWKING AND PROFESSOR DUMBLEDORE FROM HARRY POTTER?

Probably Dumbledore – he's got all that magic shit, ain't he. It's a bit of an unfair advantage. Other than that, I could definitely do Hawking.

FINALLY, IF WE GIVE YOU THREE WORDS, WHICH ARE 'MOISTURE', 'VATICAN' AND 'HAM', CAN YOU MAKE A RHYMING RAP UP FOR US?

Honestly? No. FRONT

SHIT

Shirt £90, from *stussy.com*
Jeans £105, from *edwin-europe.com*
Air Max 90 Trainers £90, from *nikesportswear.com*

'PEOPLE ARE SICK OF BEING SPOON-FED THE SAME OLD MUSIC''

FYI

- Prof Green, real name Stephen, stumbled into rapping at the age of 18 at a mate's house.
- Lovely FRONT lady Rosie Jones crops up as a dancer in Professor Green's latest video, Just Be Good To Green.
- Despite the fancy title, Stephen couldn't produce any actual professor credentials when confronted. "I'm afraid it's all bullshit – I'm no professor. And I'm not green." Shameful.

VINYL MAYHEM

TOY STORY 3'S GOT US ALL POPPING BONERS OVER PLAYTHINGS ONCE AGAIN, AND THESE LITTLE BLIGHTERS NEED HOMES...

HEROES AND HEARTBREAKERS

Bit of a lucky dip with these, cos you won't know which one you'll be giving a home to. Designed by Californian Ryan Bubnis, who's worked with KidRobot and Nike in the past, there's a series of 16 with two 'mystery designs'.
RUN: Standard
FROM: £6, *lazyoaf.co.uk*

SNUGGLE PUSS

Amsterdam's Parra creates some of the sickest posters around, and now adFunture have turned his signature pointy-nosed illos into vinyl.
RUN: 200
FROM: £TBC, *adfunture.com*

'GANGSTA' BILL THE YETI

The original Bill The Yeti was designed by skill Yankee-doodler David Lanham, and this Gangsta Bill is just one of his alter egos. Like all the other Bills, he comes with his own backpack to stick his clothes when you strip him down to see if they gave him nipples and a willy. Like you *always* do.
RUN: 250
FROM: £55, *artoyz.com*

BLOW-UP DOLLS

This is the third series of vinyl legend Jamungo's iconic Bud (Blow-Up Dolls) designs, and they look even more amazing than ever before.
RUN: Standard
FROM: £30 the set, *urbanretro.co.uk*

FRENCH VANILLA ICE CREAM MICCI

This colourway of designer Erick Scarecrow's ace Micci range will be gone quicker than your Calippo when you leave it in the sun – there's only 30 available worldwide, y'see...
RUN: 30
FROM: Around £80, *esctoy.com*

THE LAST SAMURAI

N8 Van Dyke is one of the hottest illustrators at the moment. His Pay Day figures are some of the best available, and now he's followed them up with this cheeky little fella, The Last Samurai.
RUN: 250
FROM: £30, *adfunture.com*

O-NO SUSHI

These little cuties have gone down a storm since cropping up on Kanye West's influential blog. The O-No Sushi come in various colours and all with the same shit-scared look on their faces.
RUN: Green/Red: standard; Blue: 150; Purple: exclusive to *omochastore.com*
FROM: £23, *designertoystore.co.uk*

MINI-SIMPSONS

Springfield goes diddy in this skill three-inch-tall set of 24 characters. Alongside your boring Marges and Barts you'll find Duffman, Itchy & Scratchy and Bumblebee Man, but keep your fingers crossed – it's a lucky dip which one you get...
RUN: Standard
FROM: £7 each, *kidrobot.com*

PUB PUMPS

BE THE TOAST OF THE BEER GARDEN WITH THIS MONTH'S MOST KILLER TRAINERS FOR WHILING AWAY A SUNNY SUMMER AFTERNOON

PREVIEW

These English Pub Packs from New Balance are inspired by some of England's most commonly named pubs – The King's Head, The Red Lion and The Royal Oak. Details include special tongue labels and inners that mimic shitty pub floors including crap carpet and dirty tiles, and, to top it all off, each pair comes with a bar towel and beer mats. Seriously. All you need is some complimentary nuts. Out mid-August.

New Balance 576 English Pub Pack £100 per pair, from *crookedtongues.com*

RAD COLOUR-WAY

Infrared Air Max 90 £90, from *crookedtongues.com*

Era 59 Tortoise Shell £45, from *vans.co.uk*

Gel-Lyte III
£80, from *asics.co.uk*

Cupie 2
£75, from *adidas.com*

Erving £65, from
esskateboarding.com

WHO HE?
Mikey Taylor's a Californian skater who rides for Alien Workshop and Etnies. He starred in TransWorld Skateboarding's In Bloom video, DVS's Skate More and Alien Workshop's Mind Field.

Mikey Taylor £55, from *etnies.com*

Classic LP £40, from *kswiss.com*

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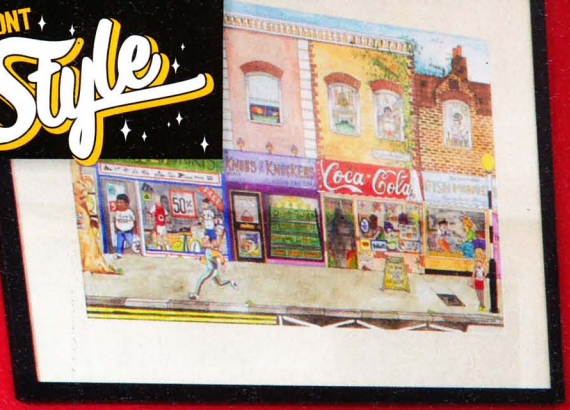

AT HOME WITH...

JACK WHITEHALL

E BABY-FACED COMEDY
N SHOWS US HIS SOUTH
DON ATTIC BEDROOM,
INTRODUCES US TO
FAMILY...

SCHOOL ART

"I used to do lots of art when I was at school. I was pretty good at it and people used to pay me to do paintings and stuff for them. I once got paid to paint a friend of mine's cat. She was like, 'I want you to do sittings with it,' so, on three occasions, I had to go and sit with a cat that wouldn't stay still and paint it."

SNEAKERS

"My mate lives out in China, so when I go out to see him I find myself buying loads of clothing. You come back and it lasts just a few minutes, it's so badly made. The quality is so shit, you can only cling on to the hope that these obscure brands might end up being massive."

JAWS

"The shark was bought for the launch of my dad's book, Shark Infested Waters. It was about him being an agent in the '80s and I think it's the physical manifestation of my dad being a bit of a shit 25 years ago. I got to keep it."

SIGNED ARSENAL BOXERS

"I saw Sol Campbell in the street once when I was at school, so I ran home to get something Arsenal so he could sign it. These were literally the only thing I could find. It was just at the time where there were a lot of unfounded allegations in the press about his sexuality and I present these boxer shorts. There was a lingering pause where he must have thought, 'Is this guy taking the piss?'

WHO HE?

NAME: Jack Whitehall
AGE: 22
FROM: London
DAY JOB: Comedian and telly presenter
ONLINE: jackwhitehall.com

DAVID SEAMAN

"I used to love David Seaman but when he got lobbed by Ronaldinho [in the 2002 World Cup], I threw it out of the window in disgust. It hit next door's roof, and now he's missing a finger. I'd just like to apologise to David Seaman because I didn't mean it – I still love him."

TRACY ISLAND

"I was obsessed with Thunderbirds and had a thing where if my hair didn't look like Scott Tracy, I'd cry. It was one year when the Tracy Islands all sold out before Christmas and you couldn't get them anywhere, so my mum was like, 'Oh, you can make one,' and I was like, 'No, *you* can fucking make one! It's my *present*!' So, yeah, we watched Blue Peter and made it together."

FOOTY SHIRTS

"I've got loads, but for one birthday I got given this signed Arsenal shirt. It was the year we got through to the final of the Champions League, so I was like, 'This is amazing, I'm gonna have a shirt signed by the Champions League-winning Arsenal side.' Then [Barcelona's] Juliano fucking Belletti had to go and ruin it all."

WRESTLEMANIA

"I love wrestling. I stopped watching it for a while and then recently tried to get back into it, so me and my friend went to watch Wrestlemania at the NEC in Birmingham. It was either children with their parents or weird, creepy, 50-something men that probably still live with their mums. Whether their mums are alive or not is another matter."

BEANOS

"I never really liked it – my nan used to send them to me all the time, and you have to be nice cos it's your nan. I always preferred [footy mag] Match. Match and FRONT, of course, are my two favourite titles..."

FYI

- During the shoot, Jack's dad came in and took the piss out of his possessions. Jack's dad is very funny.
- Jack was keen to point out that his mum bought his bed for him. "It's the loudest bed ever. I think she bought it to try and deter me from having sex," he said.
- He's performing his LOL-heavy show, Learning Difficulties, at this year's Edinburgh Festival in August, if you're out and about that way.

AUNT AGONY With Von

SHE DOESN'T BEAT AROUND THE BUSH UNLESS SHE'S HAD A FEW PINTS AND FEELS A BIT PLAYFUL

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I FANCY MY HOUSEMATE

I've recently moved in with a couple thinking shit'd be fine, but I'm getting sex thoughts about the lady-half. This can only spell disaster, right, Von?

James, via Facebook

Ultimate disaster, yes, James – *or*, the most sexually invigorating filth imaginable, where revealing this secret to your new housemates leads to one three-way festival of fingers and willies and lady-bits, ending only when you're all dead from exhaustion. Safest to keep this as wank fodder and tug sweatily away at the thought of her weeing, pooing and shaving her legs a mere stone's throw from your straining face.

CAN I FIND LOVE ONLINE?

Dear Von, I've been at uni for a year now and I've not really managed to meet as many ladies as I'd have quite liked. Well, none, to be precise. I'm considering dating websites but I'm worried they're just for 30-year-old sex-pests. What do you think?

Greg, Aberdeen

I used to think exactly the same thing, Adam – that the internet was merely for the sad and old or dirty paedos. Nowadays, though, you'll find a lot of very normal people use them all the time. I'm registered to about five sites, and mostly spend my time winding up horny old women talking about my pert little titties and flashing my sphincter at the webcam. The key is to lie – like, *a lot* – about your personality. Use a real picture, though, and give yourself a good nickname, like 'Adamtheshlong'. Say you like kittens, too. Those little fuckers know how to get a girl wet.

DO TATTOOS AND POSH GIRLS WORK?

I really want to get a tattoo but I'm worried it'll affect my chances of pulling posh girls. I just can't imagine them going for me if I have a full sleeve. Should I get one on my arse, or something, instead? Then they won't see it until it's too late, right? Yeah?

Si, Cambridge

This is very much not the case, Si – have you been bummed into stupidity? Sometimes I'll end up in hideous posh clubs full of twats and find that girls swarm after every tattooed indie boy moving. Basically, the posher the bird, the more they crave a bit of rough – even the serious posh birds that are half woman, half horse. Get yourself a sleeve, grow your hair and don't wash for a week, and you'll soon be showering in rich-lady juices. And leave your arse alone – your boyfriend says he really fancies it just the way it is.

SHOULD I LET THE LESBO GO?

I've been seeing this lady who's turned out to be a lesbian, or at least bisexual, and all my mates have been giving me shit over it. I'm starting to regret the whole thing. Should I cut my losses?

Steve R, via text

Why would your mates be giving you grief? Us bisexual girls are the most sexually open little creatures to walk the planet! If I were you, I'd call her quick-sharp and get involved in some weird-arse shit. If she's a full-blown lesbo, though, you should just accept she wants someone manlier with a hairier back.

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Von's NAUGHTY DOs & DON'Ts

#14 PULLING A FOREIGNER

Foreigners can be hard work at the best of times, but like with animals, you usually don't understand what they're saying so nothing is technically out of bounds. **DON'T MISTAKE THEM FOR A PROSTITUTE**, cos being asked for 50 euros after the best oral pleasure of your life kinda takes away the buzz, and **DO WRAP UP** – having a 16-year-old love child turn up on your door in later life isn't going to impress your mum, especially when it's her door and you're still living there like a sad-case. **DO USE A FAKE IDENTITY** – pretending you're a pilot named Rembrandt will offer some false salvation to the peasant whose mud-shack you're going back to. **DO GET THEM TO SPEAK IN THEIR LANGUAGE** while nailing, as it always sounds filth, and, most of all, **DON'T THINK YOU'RE AT ALL SPECIAL** – locals love large amounts of tourist cock.

POSITION OF THE MONTH

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REAR END

ENTERTAIN YER BRAIN

FACT

Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan also wrote and produced a shit-load of episodes of ace '90s show The X-Files. Bryan Cranston appeared in one such episode as a white supremacist.

FACT

Bryan Cranston is also an ordained minister, something he did to make money during college.

BAD-ASS DAD

FROM MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE TO METH, BRYAN CRANSTON KICKS SOME ASS IN BREAKING BAD.

FILMS & DVDS, P136

FACT

The shitty writers' strike in America caused the first season to come to a rather abrupt end in 2008. It was still fucking killer, though.

PICTURE: REX

RPG

APB: ALL POINTS BULLETIN

PC

BE PREPARED TO question everything you think you know about MMOs as the original GTA creator, David Jones, crashes the party with a game that has so little reference to wizards, it made Gandalf cry. In fact, with his latest addition to the PC-gaming MMO market he might as well have shot a unicorn in the head, such is its departure from the usual fantasy world fare.

Set in the fictional town of San Para, you choose between two factions, the Enforcers or the Criminals, as your custom avatar is let loose in an open-world, missions-based city to merk total carnage on unsuspecting passers by trying to wipe out your opposition. Gameplay takes place around three key areas: the Social District, where you can chat and make changes to your avatar; the Waterfront District, where you'll find driving and raiding missions; and the Financial District, which features more urban missions like graffiti tagging/clean-ups.

Unlike a lot of MMOs, all conflict in the game is player-based with no NPC battles, so you are guaranteed to always be playing against real people. This is a game where notoriety is everything as the more missions you complete, the more money you earn to spend on cool shit to upgrade your character. There's less emphasis on grinding than in the average MMO and more emphasis on skill, but if you're used to console games, it can all take a while to get used to.

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GTA MEETS WOW IN THIS ULTIMATE MMO FOR THRILL JUNKIES. WHAT PCs WERE MADE FOR.

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3 Best bits

DRIVE-BY GANG BANGS

Unleash your inner gangster as you form groups and perform drive-bys in this fully PvP game.

BE A BIT FAMOUS

The better you get at the game and the more notorious you become is reflected in game with statues put up in your honour and stuff. Ace.

CUSTOMISABILITY

APB is more customisable than a test tube baby. You can design decals and logos, and change your face and upgrade weapons in such minute detail your mind will boggle.

SPORT

BACKBREAKER

360/PS3

AMERICAN FOOTBALL IS one of those things you either completely get or are left totally baffled by. If you're scratching your head about the whole thing, you could do with spending some time with Backbreaker, which, after a couple of hours of playing will leave you, er, none the wiser...

Animation-wise it looks amazing and the physics engine makes gameplay incredibly realistic, but the passing system is needlessly complicated, and the camera positioning is really poor, making you miss a lot of the action. If you're looking for a game to get you into American football, you're best siding with Madden.

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ABOUT AS ENTERTAINING AS A BUNCH OF FAT CHEERLEADERS. ACTUALLY, THAT'D BE PRETTY FUNNY.

★★★☆☆

FPS

DEMENTIUM II

DS

OUR MATE HARRY was put in a mental hospital once for thinking his testicles were aliens sent from space, but we're willing to bet it was nothing like the hospital for the criminally insane that William Redmoor finds himself in in Dementium II.

For a start, the scariest thing there was probably people who smelt like bins and talked to themselves, rather than killer monsters with teethy chest wounds that try and eat you. In a throwback to such classics as Silent Hill, Resident Evil and Doom, this first-person survival horror game will have you soiling your yellowed grundies as you explore the creepy corridors of the Bright Dawn treatment centre.

For a DS game, Dementium II is exceptionally good, running smoothly with a control system that's really easy to pick up, although running can take a while to get the hang of. The only downside is that it's quite short, with only about five hours of game time (not including Survival mode).

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LIKE THAT TIME YOU STAYED IN THAT TRAVELODGE IN STAINES WITH ACTUAL STAINS IN YOUR PANTS, A DEAD MAN IN THE BATH, AND LITTLE RECOLLECTION OF WHAT HAPPENED THE NIGHT BEFORE.

★★★☆☆

GAMING NEWS

GAMES WE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO

Splatterhouse used to be a well good gory arcade game in the '80s loosely based on Friday The 13th. A re-imagining is currently being prepared for a Autumn release from Namco Bandai, featuring with a full metal soundtrack. Be very excited.

XBOX 360 GETS SNAZZIER

Microsoft brought out their new model Xbox 360 this month, which is mainly different because a) it's black; b) it's got denty bits in it; and c) they've updated the internal gubbins. Most importantly, it can't get the Red Ring Of Death, as there's no ring to go death-red. Instead, be on the lookout for the Red Button Of Death to replace it. Exciting stuff.

SIM-WISE'S GAMES I'D LIKE TO SEE

NO. 13: SUPER MONKEY BARF RUN

You are Djimbo the super monkey whose magic power is BARF. Barf on strangers' faces for points in this BLOODY HILARIOUS game.

METAL

AVENGED SEVENFOLD

NIGHTMARE

FOR AGES NOW, Californian metallers Avenged Sevenfold have been slowly mutating from a band that only people who read Kerrang! know about, into a band that even your mate Benny who only listens to hard trance has heard of (and even quite likes – y'know, "as far as that metal shit goes"). Given how massively, heroically shit-kicking it is, it looks like their fifth album is gonna be the one that finally tips them over from The Medium Time to The Big Time. Mark our words, by this time next year you'll be seeing the band's Deathbat logo on everything from flip-flops to dinner plates.

And if you actually are the aforementioned Benny, here's what to expect: stadium-sized metal made from grave-digging verses and rocket-launching choruses, with lashings of fuck-you lyrics and song titles like God Hates Us and Tonight The World Dies. Does that sound exciting, Benny? Yes, Benny, it does.

Released 26 July

IN A NUTSHELL

BATS, DEATH, BLASPHEMY AND VIOLENCE, SERVED ON A PLATTER OF GUITARS AND GROWLING.

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THREE THINGS NIGHTMARE IS EVEN GNARLIER THAN

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A GRIZZLY BEAR WITH A CANNON FOR ITS HEAD

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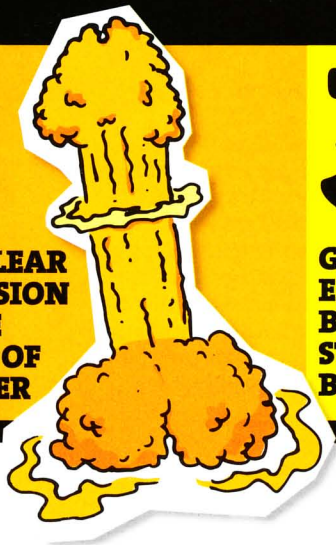

A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IN THE SHAPE OF A BONER

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GODZILLA EATING A BURNING STEALTH BOMBER

DUBSTEP

SKREAM

OUTSIDE THE BOX

SKREAM HAS PLAYED a big role in making dubstep the global phenomenoneomonm it is today, thanks in part to his all-conquering La Roux remix a year back (and, incidentally, if you liked that, you oughta go to *maddecent.com* and download the free'n'official Major Lazer vs La Roux mixtape). Ol' Ginger-Tits herself is one of a handful of guest vocalists on Skream's second album, but he's at his best when he lets the ravey bleeps and bwarpy basslines do all the talking.

Released 26 July

IN A NUTSHELL

NOT QUITE AS MUCH OF A LAFF-RIOT AS RUSKO'S RECENT ALBUM, BUT STILL A TASTY BASSY BUFFET.

★★★★☆

INDIE

TOKYO POLICE CLUB

CHAMP

WE LIKE CANADIAN indie-punkers Tokyo Police Club so much that we did a flippin' fashion shoot with 'em way back in issue 121. Those were different times: FRONT was still a gay watersports magazine, and our cover star was a relatively unknown Adrian Chiles, who was trussed upside-down and weeing into his own flared nostrils.

Some things never change, though: Tokyo Police Club are still basically a chirpier, fasterer version of The Strokes, and they still rule like a 12-inch ruler.

Released 19 July

IN A NUTSHELL

MORE ACE POWER-POP FROM JAPAN'S MOST TUNEFUL LAW-ENFORCERS.

★★★☆☆

METAL

DEAD AND DIVINE

THE MACHINES WE ARE

A NEW METALCORE band forms roughly every 18 seconds, but a lot of them get the basic balance wrong, and mix either too much metal or too much hardcore into their sound, and the whole thing goes to tits. It's like making crystal meth: you've got to measure the ingredients out exactly if you want to get properly high and see nothing explode.

Canada's Dead And Divine have got the balance right, thankfully: this is the perfect 50/50 of dragon-punching metal and knife-eating hardcore, and it's supa dupa.

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IN A NUTSHELL

LIKE CANCER BATS? YOU'LL LIKE THIS, THEN – AND IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN FLICK US ON THE DICK-TIP.

★★★★☆

FURTHER LISTENINGS

DANCE

OCELOT NO REQUESTS

These two knob-twiddlers have a long history of involvement with the US and UK punk scenes, which explains why their Justice-style rave bangers feature samples of bands like Cursive and the occasional skreeyow of guitar riffery. Mostly, though, Ocelot are all about making you rush so hard that your knees suddenly buckle and you decimate your kecks with hot plops.

Released 26 July

★★★☆☆

PUNK

BEATSTEAKS LIMBO MESSIAH

This album by speedy, catchy punkers Beatsteaks actually came out three years ago in their native Germany. But that doesn't really matter, because speedy, catchy punk doesn't really go 'off' like bread or milk does, although it doesn't 'mature' like cheese or wine does, either. It just stays in suspended animation, like the crew of the spaceship in Alien. Yeah. Let's move on, shall we now?

Out now

★★★★☆

INDIE

STAGECOACH CRASH MY RIDE

Despite the fact that Stagecoach is possibly the least-enticing band name of all time, this mini-album is a birruva laff, provided you like cutesy indie-rock that sounds like Dananananaykroyd having a geeky seizure. Be warned: parts of this are so widdly-diddly and giddy-uppy that they literally sound like you're playing 33rpm vinyl at 45rpm.

Released 19 July

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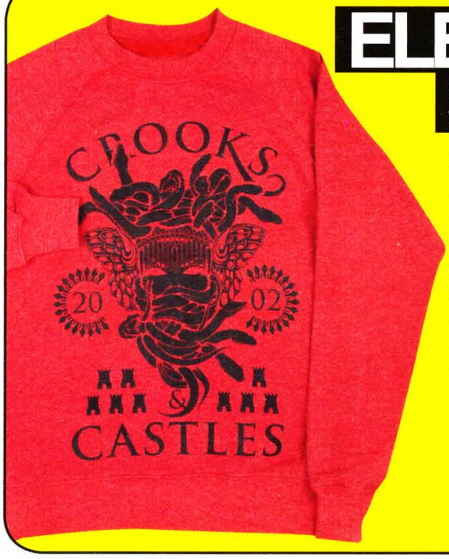
ELECTRIK SHEEP



Electrik Sheep are all about quirky and design-conscious tees, jumpers and hats, and house a tonne of street brands from 10.Deep to The Hundreds.

electrik sheep!

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ROUTE ONE

Travis Barker's ace Famous Stars And Straps have whacked over exclusive shirt designs and colours to the Route One crew, the lovely devils.

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LIFESTYLE

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HAIRBOND

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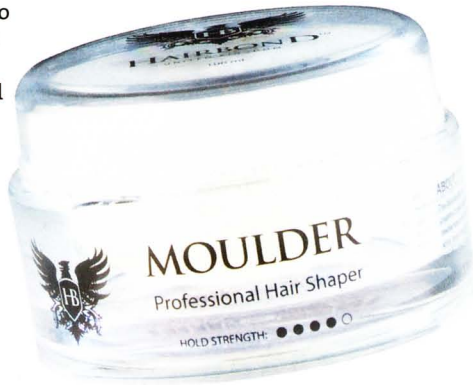

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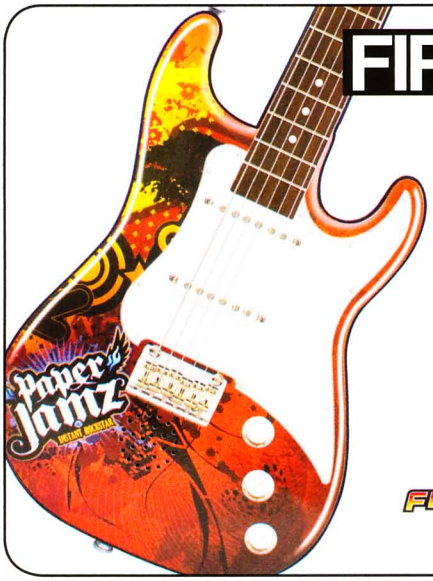

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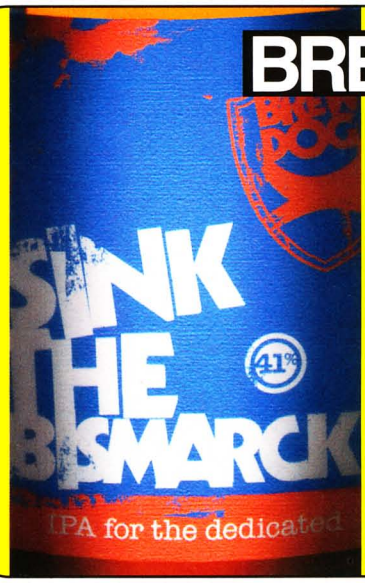

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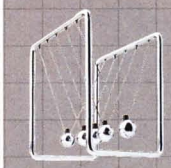
BONGO ADULT DVDs

Who she? Well, eagle-eyed reader, that's 20-year-old Russian Angel Rivas, one of the five Euro Babes In Mini Skirts

	FITTEST LADY	COMPLETELY TYPICAL MOMENT	OFFICE THING YOU'LL FEEL ODD USING AFTER	THE VERDICT
LADIES WHO LUST	Michelle Moist	Two lezzing-up ladies, one wearing a shower cap, show the camera their bumholes in a way that can only be described as 'rude'		If your job was being one of the dudes in this, and you complained because you were stressed and tired, we'd have to punch you in the nose
GREAT BRITISH GANG BANG	Ruby Reds	Several of the 45 men present take it in turn to spaff all over the only girl in the whole shitting room. It's like being at a terrible comics convention		45 dudes to one girl is the worst ratio ever. It's the jizziest room of all time **SWEET JESUS**
5 EURO BABES IN MINI SKIRTS	Angel Rivas	A short-skirted lady reveals herself to be wearing nuffink under it, then a man puts his wotsit into her bumpsy		There's some filth here of a calibre that would make Santa blush, Jesus pop a boner and Buddha spondle himself
REAL FEMALE ORGASMS VOL. 11	Angelina Armani	A couple of girls have a couple of big wanks, like the kind you normally have on Bank Holidays that leave you sweaty and hating yourself	**GETS THE JOB DONE**	Good lord, women are amazing, aren't they? Whoever invented them should get a merit badge, or something

BIRDW@TCHING

THE FINEST LADIES DOING THEIR SEXY ROUNDS ON THE INTERNET THIS MONTH

1 LITTLE CAPRICE

We thought we were looking at a really reasonable deal on an automobile when we found this lady, as we'd actually been trying to Google 'little car price', only we can't type properly cos we've all got webbed hands. Oh.

watch4beauty.com

2 CORIN RIGGS

The Lethal Weapon films would have been loads better if they'd replaced drunk son-of-a-Holocaust-denier Mel Gibson's character Martin Riggs with Corin here.

corinriggs.com

3 TAYLOR LAIN

There's a porn star called Taylor Rain, which is confusing. Never ask a Japanese person whether they prefer Taylor Lain or Taylor Rain.

taylorlain.com

4 TALIA SHEPHARD

Imagine if your dad looked like Talia. That'd be embarrassing. Your friends would be all, like, "Your dad's got lovely boobs," and you'd be, like, "I know."

taliashephard.com

5 BUSTY ELLEN

Ellen must've got her nickname because of her chest. We've got a friend whose nickname is Stupid Poor Henry, because nobody likes him and he has holey clothes.

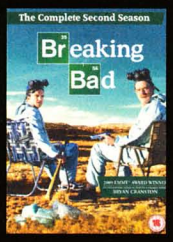
bustyellen.com

DVD

BREAKING BAD

SEASON 2

STARRING: BRYAN CRANSTON



FORGET ALL YOU remember about the bumbling-balls dad from Malcolm In The Middle, because he'll now be forever immortalised as the baldy drug dealer from this incredible US telly series that's quickly snapping up a cult following.

If you missed the brouhaha surrounding season one when it first made its way over the pond, the show's about a struggling chemistry teacher who, after being diagnosed with shitty cancer, turns to dealing hard drugs to support his family, with hilarious consequences.

WHAT YOU'LL LIKEY...

The pristine plot and original idea make this a proper winner – which is just as well, cos the Yanks have just gone and commissioned a fourth season.

WHAT MADE US FEEL WEIRD...

Watching Bryan Cranston doing naughty druggy-related things, we kept on imagining cheeky wee lad Dewey (the lil scamp from Malcolm In The Middle) wandering in and engaging in some sort of adorable hijinx.

Released 26 July

5/5

IN A NUTSHELL

ORIGINAL-AS-FUCK STATESIDE TELLY AT ITS BAD-ASS BEST.

Q&A

Bryan Cranston aka Walt White

HELLO, BRYAN. TELL US A BIT ABOUT BREAKING BAD, THEN...

It's the story of a man who, at the start, is in a deep depression – and then he's told that he has terminal cancer. Happy birthday! It all forces him to take risks that he never previously has.

SUCH AS BEING A DRUG DEALER, AND THAT?

He decides to use his background as a chemistry teacher and make as much money as he can from making crystal meth so he can leave his family supported.

IT'S A PROPER GOOD TIME FOR STATESIDE TELLY. WHY'S IT SO DAMN GOOD?

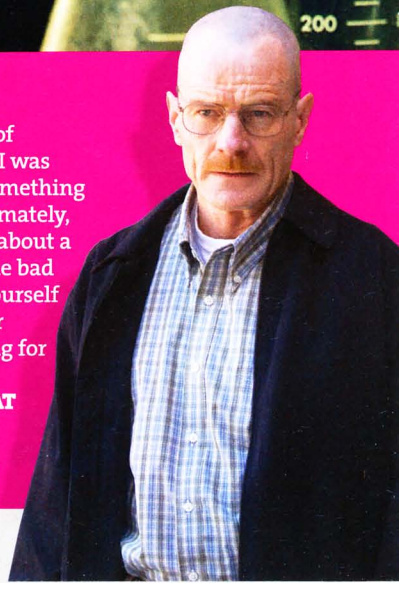
Well, cable TV is forcing the writers to go crazy and write what they want to rather than making everything so uniform.

BIT WEIRD GOING FROM MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE TO THE DARK, DRUGGIE SHIT, WAS IT?

After 150-plus episodes of Malcolm In The Middle I was definitely looking for something more dramatic. But, ultimately, Breaking Bad is a show about a good man who has made bad decisions, so you find yourself rooting for the character even if you're not rooting for what he's doing.

FINALLY, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE A PRIEST?

[Laughs] In my youth in



California I befriended a Minister called Reverend Bob. He performed marriages and was a product of the '60s, a hippie holdover. One day, Bob asked me if I wanted to make $150. It turns out he'd booked two weddings at the same time so he ordained my ass and suddenly I was legally allowed to perform marriages. I got the Maid Of Honour's number!

ALSO OUT

WHO? WHY? WHAT?	WHAT YOU'LL LIKEY...	IN A NUTSHELL
TOY STORY 3 *Starring: Woody, Buzz* *In cinemas 19 July*	Woody, Buzz and plastic buddies delight kiddies, adults and studio big-wigs who wipe their bottoms with dollar notes in the third toy-tastic outing	Expect a bang-tidy, grown-up-pleasing script. Plus, new characters voiced by funny peoples like Kristen Schaal (the stalker-lady from Flight Of The Conchords)	NICELY SEALING ONE OF THE BESTEST FLICK-FRANCHISES EVER 4/5
I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS *Starring: Jim Carrey* *Released 2 August*	Jim Carrey straps on the rubber face again for this 'based on a true story' crime caper with robbings, connings and plenty o' prison bummings	A ball-tickling combo of being über-funny, smart and based on shit that actually happened	THE BEST GAY PRISON ROMP SINCE SHAWSHANK 4/5
THE KARATE KID *Starring: Jackie Chan, Will Smith's kid* *In cinemas 28 July*	Part of a fisting of '80s remakes this summer, a coming-of-age romp about a boy (Will Smith's son) who takes up kung fu to fend off bullying bastards	Smith Jr. is a real dude in the making, and Jackie Chan doesn't make a jester-tit out of himself for once	A COOL, ASS-KICKING SLANT ON AN '80S CLASSIC 3/5
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO *Starring: Noomi Rapace* *Released 28 July*	This tidy mystery flick, based on the popular novel, is a meaty bugger, and it's riddled with murder and sadism and all manner of 'orrible doings	Probably not an awful lot, if you're of a happy persuasion. The scenes involving dildos and mutilation should wipe that grin off your chops	SINK YOUR TEETH INTO THIS, STERN FEATURES! 2/5

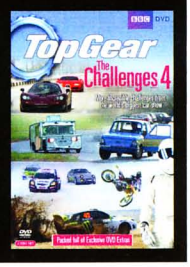
SWERVE THIS

REMEMBER ME

R-Patz hams it up something mad as a space gigolo in this charming, but bawdy, intergalactic romp. Only joking! It's actually just some soul-destroying romance turd.

TOP GEAR: THE CHALLENGES 4

Top Gear rules, but we'd prefer it if they released DVDs of the more interesting behind-the-scenes stuff, like when Richard Hammond peels off his face to reveal a dead, soulless creature.



IMPREZA COSWORTH

£49,000

EVER SINCE FORD killed off the Escort RS Cosworth, there's been a big gap in the market for a mentalist Cossie-powered ride. But after a wait of over 15 years, Cosworth are back – with an Impreza.

Until now, Subaru's hatchback has gone down like a wet fart, but with Cosworth involved, they've turned it into a right monster. The 2.5ltr lump has been beefed up with a new turbo and other goodies to give it almost 400bhp. That's enough to chuck the Impreza up the road faster than any other production hatch and give the Evo FQ-400 something to worry about.

Cosworth has a history of transforming ordinary cars from shit to shit-hot, and they've done it again here. Only 75 are planned and at nearly fifty grand, you'll need deep pockets to buy one, but it's sure to become a classic.

IN A NUTSHELL

FINALLY, A NEW IMPREZA ACTUALLY WORTH HAVING.

SPECS

- **ENGINE** 2.5LTR 4-CYLINDER TURBO
- **POWER** 398BHP
- **0-62MPH** 3.7SEC
- **TOP SPEED** 155MPH (LIMITED)

VOLVO C30 POLESTAR

CONCEPT

VOLVO MAY BE best known for inventing the seatbelt and building cars so safe you can smash into brick walls and drive off unharmed, but their latest offering is a bit, er, mental. The C30 Polestar Performance Concept is based on the C30 hatch, but this one's been given a big turbo to turn the 2.5ltr lump into a 400bhp firecracker. Throw 19in rims into the mix, and you've got the best looking Volvo ever made. Let's just hope the Swedes see fit to put it into production...

IN A NUTSHELL

GO ON, SVEN, YOU KNOW YOU WANNA!

SPECS

- **ENGINE** 2.5LTR 5-CYLINDER TURBO
- **POWER** 400BHP
- **0-62MPH** 4.5SEC
- **TOP SPEED** 170MPH

THE COSSIE IS BACK...

THREE OTHER COSWORTH-TUNED BEASTS

ESCORT RS COSWORTH

The last of the famous Cossies, the Escort still looks the cat's nipples today. With blistered arches, aggro bumpers and that whale tail spoiler, there's no mistaking it.

FOR: FWD, highly tuneable.

AGAINST: The Escort it was based on is gash.

MERCEDES 190E 2.5 COSWORTH

The chunky Merc was another boring four-door that was transformed with some engine tuning and a bodykit. The square styling looks dated, but is also kind of retro-cool and the engine is one of the best.

FOR: Looks ace. And it's a Merc!

AGAINST: Expensive to repair. And try finding one.

SIERRA RS COSWORTH

The Sierra 'Saf' was a bit arse when it was launched back in the late '80s. But when Cosworth stuffed a 2ltr YB turbo under the bonnet, it became legendary.

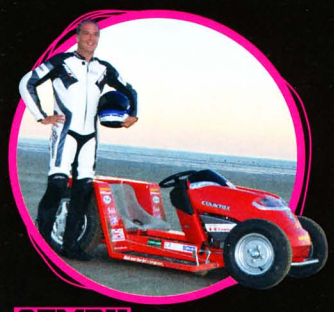
FOR: Sideways fun.

AGAINST: You'll catch your death driving it on wet roads.

SKIDS NEWS

BOWLED OVER

A bus company in China has come up with a novel way to slow down their drivers – putting a large bowl of water next to them in the cab. The Longxiang Public Bus Company in Changsha, Hunan province says it's done to prevent drivers upsetting passengers by speeding up and slowing down too fast. They've even fitted CCTV to make sure drivers don't refill the bowls, the mentalists.



87MPH LAWNMOWER

This chap above is Don Wales, who recently set a new land speed record for a ride-on lawnmower. Project Runningblade hit a monstrous 87.833mph when it hurtled across Pendine Sands in Wales.

BRABUS T65 RS TUNING

£300K

788BHP MONSTER MERC!

SPECS

- **ENGINE** 6.5LTR TWIN TURBO V8
- **POWER** 788BHP
- **0-62MPH** 3.6 SEC
- **TOP SPEED** 206MPH

GENERALLY SPEAKING, a 670bhp, supercharged V8 is more than enough to make even die-hard petrol-heads do a pizzle in their Calvins. But, as ever, the Bavarian boffins from Brabus have decided that they could do better...

So, here we have the T65 RS Tuning – all 788bhp of it. New turbos and other tweaks give the Brabus the kind of straight-line performance that'll waste anything this side of a Veyron, and with bulging arches, carbon bonnet vent and that satin black paint, this monster Merc looks like it'll eat small dogs and shit them out of its twin tailpipes.

IN A NUTSHELL

OFF-THE-CHARTS MERC WITH AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD PRICE.

Retro RIDE

NO. 3: RENAULT 5 GT TURBO

Launched in 1985, the R5 GTT was the original hot hatch. Based on the flimsy and lightweight R5 your nan drove to bingo, the GT version had a turbocharged lump that turned the boring hatch into a weapon. The 1.4ltr engine kicked out a measly 115bhp, but that was more than enough to chuck this 850kg lightweight up the road. Still quicker than most of today's lardy hot hatches, the R5 GTT is an '80s legend that can still cut it in 2010.

Specs

- **ENGINE** 1.4LTR 4-CYLINDER TURBO
- **POWER** 115BHP
- **0-62MPH** 7.5SEC
- **TOP SPEED** 125MPH
- **PRICE** FROM £2,000

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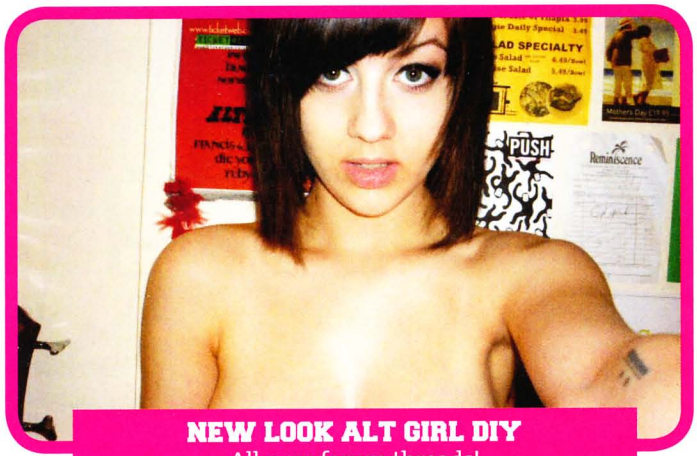

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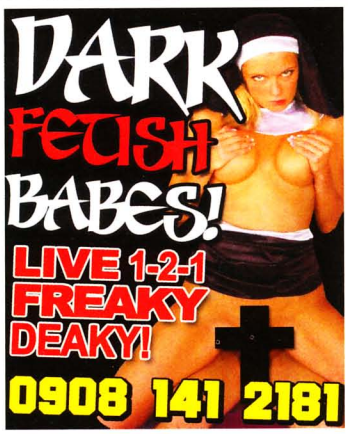

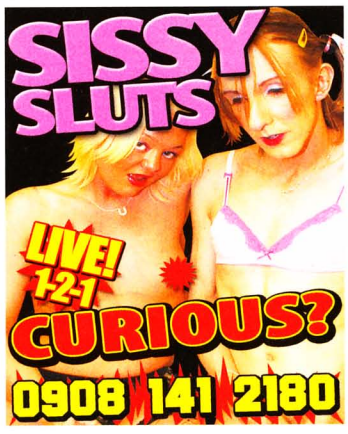

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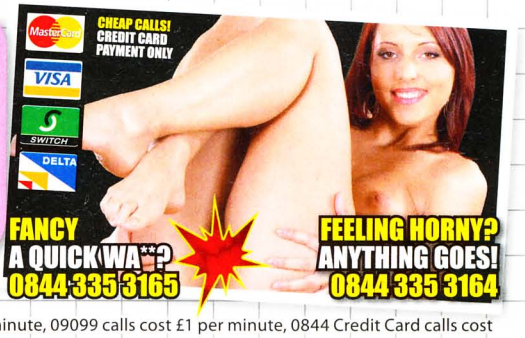

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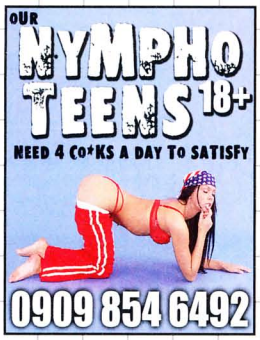

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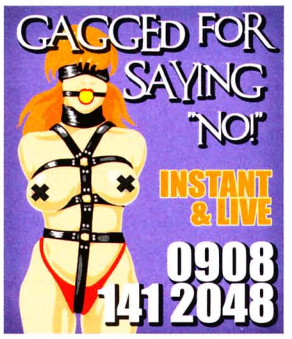

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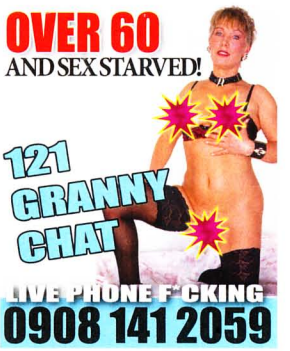

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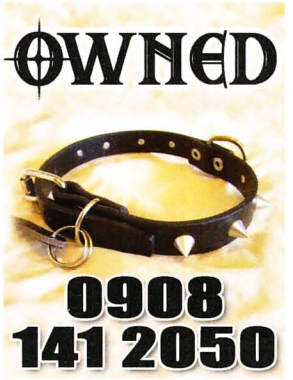

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THE C★NTDOWN

1	BILL ODDIE	MANKY HERON-FINGERING, HAWAIIAN-SHIRT CUNT.
2	ANDREW STONE	Dancing, prancing, mum-romancing shit cunt. ▼
3	JOSH DUBOVIE	Country-letting-downing, Eurovision sack-of-shit cunt. NEW ENTRY
4	BONO	The-actual-worst-man-to-have-ever-lived cunt. ▲
5	DAPPY	Headgear-abusing, Alton Towers-ruining cunt. ▲
6	ROBERT PATTINSON	Face-like-part-of-an-Indian-meal cunt. ▼
7	EDWARD CULLEN	Face-like-a-glittery-part-of-an-Indian-meal cunt. ▼
8	BRUM	Motorised, shithead aüto-cunt. ▼
9	PAOLO NUTINI	Crap Scotch cunt. ▼
10	5 ALIVE DODO	Shit-beaked, feathery-dickhead of a cunt. NEW ENTRY

STIG

The Stig is a cunt. He looks like a right paedo. I swear he's Michael Jackson. What a wanker. I dont give a fuck if he's 'from Mars' or 'he mates with ducks'. What a twat. I hate him. He should die in a fire with his fucking balls chopped off.

Olly X, frontarmy.co.uk forums

Dude, really? What's the Stig ever done to you? He's a bad-ass driver, has a sweet line in all-in-one suits, and despite Clarkson's dogshit 'some say his heart beats not blood but sperm' jokes, the guy's alright in our book. No cunt is the Stig!

ODDIE

Billy Oddie is a wrinkly bird-fucking saggy-skinned cunt. His annoying bird-chirping voice echoes around my fucking living room like a magpie that's been swiped out of the sky by a raged hawk. The only thing worse than this boggle-eyed shrimp-dicked cuntflick is having a ping-pong ball squeezed down your japs-eye by a cunt-faced badger.

Jamie & Conor, Redhill

You know what's ace, Jamie and Conor? That this Cuntdown nomination was co-written. Anyway, Oddie's a cunt, despite the fact that he did some of the voices on Bananaman. Straight onto The Cuntdown with you, Oddie, you cunt.

DUBOVIE

I feel compelled to nominate the shite thatch-headed, cheesy-smiled wankfest Eurovision contestant Josh Dubovie for The Cuntdown. He might have been a child star of Les Miserables, but when the cuntbag perfoms, we're the fucking miserable ones. His dogshit song should have stayed in the '80s, just like Dubovie's dad's spunk should have stayed in his sack. In fact, the sight of this cuntesque Essex boy makes me want to slice my own sack whilst reading a Bono biography.

Rawson Brearley-Swaine, Halifax

Fine call, Rawson (also, you're the poshest-named person we've ever had on the Cunts page). Dubovie's the worst kind of forgettable-yet-detestable cunt, an utter nothing of a man, yet a nothing you'd happily throw dog-dirt at for days on end. Onto The Cuntdown, cunt!

COTTON

Fearne fucking Cotton's always on the cunting TV or radio acting like a fucking teenager with her gash tattoos and manlike voice that makes your penis scream. When I saw her on that Radio 1 advert going "OOGHOHOOFGH PENDULUM!" I wanted to stick my head in a fire.

Mustainecakes, frontarmy.co.uk forums

Cotton's definitely guilty of trying *waaay* too hard to be cool, but she's far too pretty for us to call a cunt. What if we met her and she remembered? Then she'd never kiss us like we'd like her to.

5 ALIVE DODO

That cunting dodo from the fucking 5 Alive advert is a cunt. Why the fuck is it so excited about being alive? He's just gonna die out again anyway. Plus, 5 Alive doesn't bring dead things back to life – I tried, and all I got was a wet dead dog and a traumatised little brother.

Frosty, RAF Coningsby

Hezzle yezzle, Frosty, this grey cunt's a prize dickhead alright. We like a delicious fruity beverage as much as the next mag, but we're no fans of a bullshit CGI wanker of a feathered fuck dancing like a toss-cunt trying to sell us it. Fuck you, you feathered fuck!

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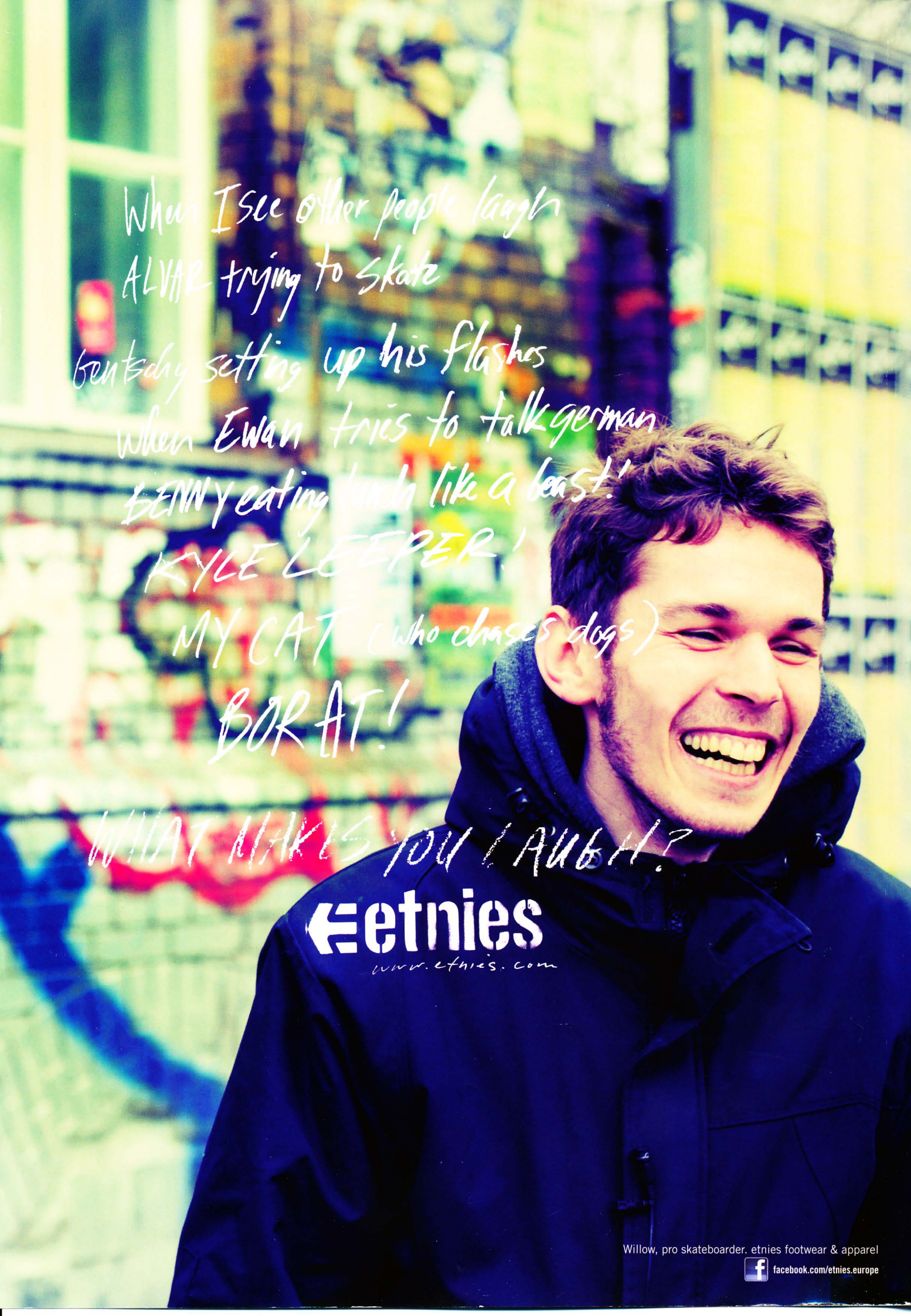
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